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## Arrow 2 malfunction aborts missile test

**By STEVE RODAN**

An Arrow 2 missile malfunctioned yesterday, seconds after a launch in the Mediterranean, prompting a decision to abort the test.

For the Arrow 2, it was the first setback after two successive tests in which it intercepted its target ballistic missiles.

"A short while after its normal take-off, a failure developed in the missile," a Defense Ministry statement said. "It deviated from its course and the flight was interrupted."

The ministry said US and Israeli teams have investigated the cause of the failure.

A defense source said the failure appears to have been in the control box. The malfunction caused the command and control station to lose control of the missile.

"This is not unusual," the source said. "It could happen in any test where so many complicated systems are employed."

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai agreed. "We believe in the Arrow system, and we will continue in the program's development and testing," he said. "I am expressing my deep appreciation to all of those who have worked on the development and manufacture of the Arrow."

Defense sources said the launch was meant to test several subsystems, including the radar and its integration with the fire control system. They said most Arrow testing has been completed and what remains is an examination of the fire control and early warning radars.

The early warning radar, which detects enemy missiles at long distances, is being tested in simulation.

The Arrow is a US-Israeli project; its main contractor is Israel Aircraft Industries. The fire control radar is being developed by IAI's Elta Electronics Industries and the fire control system by Tadiran.

The US has invested about \$700 million in the project, and the success of the recent Arrow tests has led to interest by Japan, South Korea, Turkey, and Taiwan. A US anti-missile defense project, the Theater High Altitude Air Defense (THAAD) system, has sustained a series of test failures and its deployment date has been pushed back from 2002 to 2006.

That has prompted US officials to take another look at Arrow. On June 25, US Rep. Curt Weldon, chairman of the House national security military research and development subcommittee, said the Pentagon should explore the possibility of integrating the Arrow in any US ballistic missile defense program.

In July, *Defense News* magazine called on the US to approve joint marketing and production of the Arrow 2. Defense sources don't expect yesterday's failure to dampen enthusiasm for the Arrow. "We got over the hard part, which is proving that Arrow can intercept a target missile," one source said. "What we're now dealing with are the wrinkles that need to be ironed out."

Defense sources said they expect the next test will take place in early 1998. After the successful March test, officials said they were planning to begin emergency partial deployment of the Arrow by the end of next year. They could not say whether yesterday's failure would affect this.

## Arafat, Hamas restart dialogue

**By JON IMMANUEL and news agencies**

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat opened a much vaunted new dialogue with Hamas in Gaza yesterday, but each side merely reiterated its position.

Beneath the warm embrace, there was also concern that Arafat was trying to soothe Hamas.

"By this meeting, we show that our Palestinian position is united and that it is the only way to reach toward Jerusalem," Arafat said.

He also warned that Palestinians have "every option... We can erase everything and start anew."

Abdul-Aziz Rantisi, the recently released aide to Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, was more explicit. As spokesman for the 400 Islamic activists exiled for one year to Lebanon in 1992, he was jailed on his return.

"Resistance of every kind is the right way to confront the occupation... We must leave the Oslo plan, which Israel uses as a weapon to fight us," Rantisi said.

"Israel will never change its behavior toward us, whether we are for or against the peace process," said Nafez Azzam, a leader of Islamic Jihad.

The four-hour meeting was called a dialogue to "confront the siege," but consisted of a series of speeches.

Rantisi reiterated a list of Hamas demands - to release all political prisoners, the right of return for all Palestinians, confrontation with settlements, and other positions. He thanked Arafat for not bowing to Israeli demands to arrest Hamas activists, and for instituting a boycott of some Israeli products. He called for the dialogue to become a permanent institution to ensure better coordination.



Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat addresses a national unity meeting in Gaza yesterday.

A meeting was tentatively called for today in Nablus or Ramallah, an organizer said.

The main purpose of the meeting was to demonstrate that the latest terror bombing would not lead to a deterioration of relations between the PA and Hamas.

"What is needed is an all-out war against terrorism so that the peace process can continue," the Netanyahu's communications adviser, David Bar-Ilan, told AP. "To try to appease and placate the terrorist organizations is to give them the kind of respectability and legitimacy which only makes it easier for them to continue with their terrorist attacks and feel that they can do so with impunity."

"We have received a series of assurances from Chairman Arafat, in the course of Ambassador [Dennis] Ross's and others' discussions in recent days and weeks, that he will assist in the fight against terrorism, that he will assist in the renewal of security cooperation," US State Department spokesman James Rubin said.

"We're going to judge Chairman Arafat by deeds. Deeds are the coin of the realm when it comes to fighting terrorism."

Arafat claims there is no real proof of Hamas involvement in the Mahaneh Yehuda bombings, and that he cannot arrest members without proof of wrongdoing.

At Gaza checkpoints yesterday, Palestinian customs officials reportedly turned back trucks with Israeli goods on the third day of a declared boycott.

Some 1,500 Palestinians from rival factions demonstrated against the closure in a protest organized by Arafat.

## IAF planes hit Lebanon

**By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN**

Air force planes staged high-profile attacks in Lebanon yesterday, striking at civilian targets for the first time since last year's Operation Grapes of Wrath in what the IDF said was a message to the Lebanese government to exert control over Hizbullah-controlled areas.

The three air raids, in the space of two hours, also hit Hizbullah targets in retaliation for the heavy Katyusha rocket attack on Galilee on Tuesday, the IDF said.

Two Lebanese children were injured when the roof of their house collapsed after an attack on a Hizbullah base.

Hizbullah said it fired anti-aircraft missiles at the planes and Lebanese army troops fired heavy machine guns, but the IDF said all planes returned safely to their bases and pilots reported "good hits."

The aircraft blasted a power line feeding Sidon, leaving 80,000 people without electricity. They also hit Hizbullah bases in Baalbek and dropped bombs near a Lebanese army position.

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai said that the decision to send jets deep inside Lebanon was a warning signal.

"We attacked a few places," Mordechai said. "And the government of Lebanon and all behind them should know it is better to return the quiet, and those who try to attack our citizens or try to disrupt our lives should know that we have all the might and the right to take the necessary steps."

He also said Israel would continue to hit at Hizbullah, but that he wanted to keep civilians out of the violence.

"We have every right to fight Hizbullah while it fights us, and we will continue the necessary activity in order to bring back quiet and security to the North," he said.

In Sidon, Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri accused Israel of fueling instability in the Middle East, while his defense minister described the air raids as "terrorist" acts.



Lebanese workers examine the site of an IDF air raid in Sidon yesterday.

raids were Hizbullah bases in eastern Lebanon. Reports from Lebanon said four jets struck at a base near the village of Jania, about 65 km. east of Beirut. Hizbullah closed off the area to reporters, preventing them from inspecting the damage. There were no reports of Hizbullah casualties.

Later, jets fired a missile near a Lebanese Army artillery battery south of Sidon. The IDF Spokesman said jets had targeted the battery because it had fired toward the Jezzine area, controlled by SLA chief Antoine Lahad, on Monday.

The pilots made sure "not to harm Lebanese soldiers or their equipment, while making clear... that Israel will not hold back over Lebanese Army participation in joint activities with Hizbullah," the statement said.

But in Lebanon, military sources told foreign news agencies that the Lebanese troops had fired specifically at the South Lebanese Army position which had fired shells in to Sidon on Monday, killing six civilians.

"The Israeli threats will not prevent the army from practicing its legal right in defending its people and homeland," a Lebanese military source told Reuters.

Two jets later flew in low over the power plant at Jiye, south of Beirut, and fired a lone missile, toppling an electricity pylon and downing lines. Electricity was immediately cut to scores of villages in the region and damage to the national grid was expected to worsen power shortages.

The IDF said it knocked out the electricity "to make it clear to the Lebanese government that it must take the initiative and limit the activities of Hizbullah."

Visiting the wounded in Sidon, Hariri said, according to Reuters: "The ongoing Israeli aggression on Lebanon shows that this state does not want peace... If [Prime Minister Benjamin] Netanyahu's government does not change its policy towards peace and towards Arabs and Palestinians, the region will remain a field of violence and non-stability."

Reuters also quoted Defense Minister Moshe Dilloul as saying: "The air raids against stable villages in the Bekaa and along the Lebanese coast all fall under the terrorist and criminal pattern of action that Israel adopts."

Lebanese workers examine the site of an IDF air raid in Sidon yesterday.

In Kiryat Shmona, some residents said they expect Katyusha barrages in retaliation and that they plan to spend the night in shelters.

Meanwhile, reports from Lebanon said the Lebanese villagers who fled their homes expecting an Israeli retaliation dismantled their tent city in Tyre and returned home yesterday.

The main targets in the midday

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### WORLDVIEW

## Child advocates press to end corporal punishment

**CHICAGO (Los Angeles Times)** - After a semi-successful 20-year movement to ban spanking in public schools, some child health advocates say it's time to seek an end to corporal punishment at home.

Describing themselves as part of a "cultural war," several members of the American Psychological Association - meeting here for its annual convention - say they are encouraging the organization to draft a policy statement denouncing corporal punishment of children in all situations.

Even more controversial is the suggestion by some child advocates that it's time for lawmakers to consider making it illegal for adults to strike children.

"It is time for APA to consider developing policy toward the issue of parental spanking. Other organizations have already begun the debate," said one of the most vocal critics of spanking, psychologist Irwin A. Hyman.

Moreover, he added: "Advocates should begin a concerted effort to move legislatures to begin thinking about laws which would make it illegal to hit children in any setting, including the home."



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## Albright called Shara

**By HILLEL KUTTLER**

**WASHINGTON** - Secretary of State Madeleine Albright has told Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Shara that the US expects Damascus's assistance in reducing the ongoing Israeli-Lebanese tension.

Shara pledged to work to prevent an escalation of the situation. State Department spokesman James Rubin said yesterday.

"We have discussed these matters with the Syrians and the Lebanese in the past, and regard them as the right party to try to influence Hizbullah," Rubin told reporters. "So we understood from that conversation that the Syrian government was going to do all it could to try to ensure that the April 1996 [Operation Grapes of Wrath

cease-fire] understandings were lived up to, and that a cycle of violence was not escalated."

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Rubin said Albright called Shara because "we were concerned that this was going to have a chance of spiraling" and to "show the seriousness with which we are concerned about the problem."

"And to the extent that we do not see this escalate, and we see the situation calm down in the coming days, well, perhaps that call might have had an effect," Rubin said.

## Hizbullah received long-range Katyushas from Iran

**By STEVE RODAN**

Hizbullah has received long-range Katyushas that can hit most parts of northern Israel from Lebanon, IDF Spokesman Brig. Gen. Oded Ben-Ami said yesterday.

"We know that the Iranians are equipped with long-range Katyushas," Ben-Ami said. "We know that the Iranians are sending them to Hizbullah. This is a new threat."

Ben-Ami's remarks were the first public assertion that Hizbullah actually has received long-range Katyushas from Iran. Until now, defense officials have merely expressed concern that Hizbullah might have received such weapons.

The standard Katyusha rocket has a range of 22 km., Ben-Ami said, and the improved Katyusha a range of 40 km.

Ben-Ami said Hizbullah has not fired the improved Katyushas at Israel. He said 60 standard Katyusha rockets were fired on Tuesday. Ten percent of them landed in urban areas.

"Hizbullah is very well-trained and equipped and the Katyusha is not its best weapon," Ben-Ami said.

IDF sources said the improved Katyusha could hit the suburbs of Haifa, and could hit Israel even if

the IDF obtains permission to widen the security zone.

Ben-Ami said the IDF did not support the South Lebanese Army shelling of Sidon earlier this week in response to the bombing in the Jezzine area that killed two Christian youngsters whose late father was an SLA commander. He said the SLA gunmen, under orders from SLA commander Gen. Antoine Lahad, were deployed in the Jezzine region, where the IDF has no presence or influence.

"I cannot justify it," Ben-Ami said. "We asked the general to be much more reasonable. I am hoping when it comes to the Jezzine area he will listen to us."

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# Eitan slams gov't policy of restraint

By LIAT COLLINS and TIM

Agriculture and Environment Minister Rafael Eitan yesterday criticized the government's policy of restraint in Lebanon.

"Those who advocate it believe restraint on our part will bring about restraint on the other side. That's a big mistake. It is completely baseless," he told Israel Radio.

"Who is Hizbullah? I'm not talking about Syria and Iran which support it, but Hizbullah itself, which is made up of former refugees from Acre, Haifa, Sasa, and the Galilee. What calm are they seeking? What restraint do they want from us?"

(Hizbullah, it must be pointed out, is made up of Lebanese Shi'ites, not Palestinians.)

He said the restraint approach stems from a misunderstanding of what the country is facing. He said he does not demand a response to every individual act, but if the terrorists could fire Katyushas on Kiryat Shmona, the security zone should be extended to put Israel out of range.

"If it's a security zone, it should grant us security," he said.

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai dismissed Eitan's call to expand the security zone.

Eitan said the South Lebanese Army is still an asset, despite the independent attack on Sidon it carried out this week. "You can't expect them to do nothing after their children were killed in

Jezeze," he said. But he stressed he is against attacks on civilians. He also said that if the SLA did not exist, more IDF soldiers would have to be in the zone.

He categorically rejected the idea of a unilateral IDF withdrawal, saying it would bring terrorists back to the border and threaten civilians in the North.

Eitan did not accompany Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on his tour of the North with Finance Minister Yehoshua Stelmach and National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon on Tuesday. "Maybe he does not need my opinions and experience," said Eitan. "I won't push. He knows where to find me if he wants."

Eitan was also not present at the closed meeting at which Sharon reportedly advocated a strong, immediate response to the Katyushas. Sharon complained that his statements had been leaked and distorted.

The Prime Minister's Office told reporters that the story was not accurate and that there should be no leaks from closed, security meetings. A spokesman for Sharon said the leak was "serious and dangerous" and that the person who leaked it was acting out of personal goals.

"This cannot be anyone but a person lacking responsibility, prepared to leak distorted information from a closed security meeting," the spokesman said. He said that unlike the person who leaked the information, Sharon does not plan on stating in public what had been said behind closed doors and what his stand had actually been.



Rafael Eitan

# US Jewish leaders pay condolence calls

By JAY BUSHINSKY

A delegation of American Jewish leaders paid condolence calls yesterday on the families of two of the Mahaneh Yehuda suicide bombing's victims - Leah Stern, who had lived in the US for many years, and Mohi Othman, who lived in Abu Ghosh.

Led by Malcolm Hoenlein, executive vice chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, the group not only focused on the personal tragedies of the bombing caused, but also on the constant threat terrorism poses here and in the US.

"We all share in the sorrow of Mohi's death," Hoenlein said, addressing the 33-year-old fruit and vegetable vendor's 62-year-old father, Othman Othman.

Today, Rep. Benjamin Gilman, chairman of the House foreign relations committee, will join Mayor Ehud Olmert and Hoenlein's group at a memorial service to be held at the site of the suicide bombing in Mahaneh Yehuda.

Hoenlein expressed dismay at the fact that the US State Department has not implemented a law requiring it to conduct an intensive probe into terrorist cells on American soil.

He charged that the White House has included known terrorists among its invited guests, including Arab Americans who actively support Hamas.

Hoenlein lauded the FBI, however, for having added 1,100 agents to its staff for the ongoing fight against terrorism, but he said the Clinton administration was not enthusiastic of the antiterrorist campaign.

On the other hand, Hoenlein said Congress was "very suspicious" of Palestinian Authority Chairman



Philip Meltzer (left), president of the Association of Reform Zionists of America, yesterday offers his condolences to Othman Othman, who lost his son in last month's Mahaneh Yehuda bombing, during a visit by a delegation of American Jewish leaders to the Othman home in Abu Ghosh. Malcolm Hoenlein, executive vice chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, looks on.

Yasser Arafat's financial practices. One expression of Congress' pro-Israel sentiments, he went on, was its passage of a law regarding Jerusalem. Among its features:

- Transfer of the US Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem
- A revision of US policy to the effect that Jerusalem is Israel's

capital

• Instructions to the State Department to acknowledge Jerusalem's status as an integral part of Israel and therefore to respond favorably to requests that the place of birth indicated on US passports be "Jerusalem, Israel" wherever appropriate

Hoenlein said the Presidents

Conference has been campaigning for the United Nations to disqualify a resolution sponsored by the Palestine Liberation Organization's representative in Geneva, Nabil Ramlawi, that accuses Israel of injecting the AIDS virus into Palestinian children.

Hoenlein called the resolution a "blood libel."

# Cabinet to meet today

By JAY BUSHINSKY

The cabinet's weekly meeting, which was postponed due to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's vacation, will take place today and will deal with the escalation of hostilities in southern Lebanon, the effort to reestablish security cooperation with the Palestinian Authority, and a number of domestic issues.

It also will discuss the Mahaneh Yehuda suicide bombings and the ongoing effort to determine the identity of its perpetrators and the logistical setup that facilitated it.

The ministers are expected to consider new appointments to the Israel Broadcasting Authority proposed by Netanyahu, as well as the granting of full academic accreditation to six colleges and the provision of protective devices for taxi drivers. They also will weigh revisions in the "build yourself a home" program.

A meeting of the security committee, consisting of Israeli, American, and Palestinian representatives, is due to be held tomorrow evening. Observers noted that this session was given the green light by Netanyahu, despite Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat's convening of a "national unity" conference which included elements of Hamas and Islamic Jihad.

# Confrontation zone strikes continue

By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

Although workers in Kiryat Shmona and Menula returned to work yesterday, in other parts of the North strikes continued for a second day in an effort to force the government to meet financial commitments made after Operation Grapes of Wrath last year.

"We have to rehabilitate the settlements, encourage tourism and return to life as normal," Yossi Goldberg, head of the Menula council, said about the decision not to strike yesterday.

Members of the local councils said they have not received funds promised by the government. In 1996, the government allotted NIS 900 to the confrontation area to be paid over three years. The representatives said they received a third of the money last year, but since then the transfers have stopped.

During a visit to Nahariya,

Foreign Minister David Levy promised council heads the government will fulfill any promises it made to them.

"The government will give them preference, and not just when Katyushas fall," Levy said. "These people are constantly asked to meet difficult challenges."

Meanwhile, the Manufacturers Association reported that the attacks caused NIS 2 million in direct damage to factories, which also incurred indirect expenses for spoiled raw materials and extra hours spent completing manufacturing processes.

Approximately 100 factories, employing more than 10,000 people, are located in the confrontation zone.

The tourism industry reported a large number of cancellations in the North as a result of the attacks. Hotels and youth hostels, which are usually full in August, are currently half empty.

# Russia appoints liaison for Ben-Ari probe

A senior official from the Russian state attorney's office has been appointed as a liaison to Israeli officials investigating Zvi Ben-Ari (Gregory Lerner). The appointment was made after Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani and senior police officials travelled to Russia to collect evidence against Ben-Ari, who is suspected of bank fraud and abetting murder.

Kahalani and the Russian interior minister also signed an agreement to cooperate on security and police matters.

Kahalani is to meet with the Russian prime minister on Sunday. He also will visit the Russian tank corps museum.

The head of the investigation is extending his stay in Russia to meet with officials from the state attorney's office. (IUM)

By JAY BUSHINSKY

After a brief refueling stop in Beijing, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and a contingent of high-powered business executives is scheduled to land in Tokyo Sunday evening on the first leg of a Far East tour, which also will take him to Seoul.

This will be Netanyahu's first visit to China, Japan, and the Republic of Korea.

While in Beijing, Netanyahu will meet with a Chinese government minister.

Israeli and Japanese officials have been making punctilious preparations for the prime minister's two-day stay. His Japanese hosts have been astounding their Israeli counterparts by insisting on strict observance of diplomatic protocol at every step of the way.

In an unusual move, Netanyahu dispatched his personal secretary, Ruhama

# Albright: We will work to revive peace

By HILLET KUTTLER

WASHINGTON - US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright told a group of Arab and Israeli youth participating in the Seeds of Peace camp that she and President Bill Clinton will keep their pledge to do all they can to revive the peace process.

"And as I look around the room, I have faith that we will succeed. Not overnight, not without additional setbacks, but we will succeed. We will find the way to peace. Those made free by a vision of a world in which historical enemies have joined hands will not allow themselves to be dragged back by those still paralyzed by prejudice," she said at the State Department yesterday to campers from Israel, the Palestinian areas, Jordan, Egypt, Tunisia, Morocco and Qatar who concluded a month-long program in Maine.

## IAF

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Late last night, the five-nation Grapes of Wrath monitoring met at UNIFIL headquarters in Nakoura, to discuss complaints of violations from both Lebanon and Israel.

AP adds: The foreign ministers of Israel, Syria and Lebanon promised their French counterpart Hubert Vedrine they would try to end a spiral of violence in the region, a French Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

Vedrine had telephoned his three colleagues to voice concern. "He stressed the importance of returning to the principles of the April 1996 cease-fire accord," the spokesman said. "[The ministers] assured him they would do all they could to help reduce tension."

## ARAFAT

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A convoy of buses and cars, led by Palestinian Police jeeps, drove to the Israeli-controlled Rafah border crossing between Gaza and Egypt. About a kilometer away from the checkpoint, the demonstrators, including Hamas activists and followers of Arafat's Fatah movement, gathered in a sandy lot and chanted "No to the closure."

The aim of the demonstration is to support the Palestinian leadership and the meeting held in Gaza," said Rafah governor Abdallah Abu Samhadneh, referring to the Hamas-Arafat dialogue.

Hillet Kuttler contributed to this report.

# Soldier dies on road

By Jerusalem Post Staff and Tim

Two people were killed and one seriously injured in traffic accidents yesterday.

Ohad Afuta, who was about to finish his army service, was killed yesterday morning while driving to his base to get his discharge papers. Afuta, 20, of Ashkelon, swerved into oncoming traffic, hitting a truck head-on near Ashkelon.

"He was a good friend, he loved life," a friend of Afuta's said yesterday afternoon. "To my sorrow, he also loved to drive really fast. I never said anything about that to him. It hurts that he ended his life at the wheel."

Yogev Azizian, 22, was killed and Karen Sverdlov, 22, was seriously injured, when their car hit a bus in Ashdod. Sverdlov, from Moshav Amonim, was taken to Barzilai Hospital in Ashkelon.

There were 2,305 traffic accidents in July, in which 38 people were killed and 288 were seriously injured, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported yesterday.

In 1996, traffic accidents declined 0.8 percent a month on average. However, this year they have risen about 1% a month. So far this year, 298 people have been killed and 26,195 injured in 14,312 traffic accidents.

Brief interviews with the families of those killed in road accidents will be broadcast regularly on Channel 2 starting next week. The segments, which are part of the public-relations campaign connected to Project 700, are to air three times a week.

Project 700, which the police started in April, aims to reduce the number of road accidents by deploying increased forces and technology on 700 kilometers of roads where accidents occur frequently.

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# Zissmann calls on PM to prevent school strike

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Knesset Education Committee chairman Emanuel Zissmann yesterday called on Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to immediately intervene to see to it that the school year starts as scheduled on September 1.

He said that not opening classes on time would cause harm to 1.5 million youngsters and their parents, and would lead to complications that could threaten the government.

Zissmann said the opening of the school year is the responsibility of the prime minister and the cabinet. He backed Education Minister Zevulun Hammer's fight against the cuts in the education budget, but said that it is up to him to see to it that the school year opens on time, and if he cannot, he should resign immediately.

He called an urgent meeting of the committee for Monday, to be attended by Hammer, Education Ministry Director-General Ben Zion Dell, and

teachers union and parents association leaders.

Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert lent his support to Hammer's fight against the budget cuts, saying: "The question is what are the priorities? What are the government's priorities? If the educational system is such a high priority, then it must be expressed in financial allocations, and in the cuts that are made in comparison with other places."

Olmert, speaking at a press conference marking the opening of the school year in the Jerusalem Municipality, noted that the city's school system is the nation's largest, and this year will encompass some 160,000 pupils.

He said that the city is in the midst of a construction project which would eventually add 180 classrooms to schools in east Jerusalem by the end of 1998.

Both he and Jerusalem Education Authority director-general Meir Kraus noted that elementary

schools would continue to enjoy increasing autonomy in decision-making. The city's schools will also continue to receive more computers, with the aim to eventually reach a total of 4,000.

Deputy Mayor Haim Miller (United Torah Judaism) said the city's haredi residents still face a severe shortage of classrooms. Some 63,000 youngsters will study in institutions under the auspices of the municipality's haredi education division, up about 5 percent from last year.

Meanwhile, leaders of the teachers unions, local authorities, and parents association said they would keep the schools closed on September 1 if the cuts are not rescinded.

A statement signed by Histadrut Teachers Union secretary-general Avraham Ben-Shabbat, Secondary School Teachers Association chairman Ron Erez, Union of Local Authorities chief Adi Eldar, and National Parents Association chairman Shai Lachman said that

"the parents, teachers, and local authority heads strongly protest the damage to the education of the children of Israel, and we will not accept this erasing of achievements of past years."

"The future and security of the State of Israel depend on mass investment in education and maximum development of human resources, which is the almost the only natural resource we have. We must, therefore, continue to invest in education and put it at the top of our list of national priorities, and prevent anything from happening to it. If the planned cuts are not rescinded, the coming school year will not open on time."

In a related development, Histadrut Chairman Amir Peretz reached an agreement with Ben-Shabbat on full cooperation in the planned general strike. Ben-Shabbat said he sees himself as a full partner in the struggle for the future of teachers' pensions, and would cooperate fully with Histadrut in this matter.

## New system for school trips

The new system for the administration of school trips will begin with the opening of the new school year, Education Ministry Director-General Ben Zion Dell said yesterday.

The reorganization of the system for school trips is a result of recommendations made by the Pressler Commission, established after the murder of seven Beit Shמש schoolgirls at Naharayim on March 13.

Brig-Gen. (res.) Meir Alon, who will head the Trips Administration that has been created in the ministry to determine policy, allocate resources, and set criteria regarding trips, said that the reforms include the establishment of a nationwide trips council to advise the administration; the creation of a situation room, which will answer questions regarding school trips 24 hours a day; and the doubling of the number of inspectors who check whether school trips are being properly carried out.

Dell said the new plan is aimed at providing maximum security and safety for pupils and teachers going on school trips, and will allow for the trips to be closely monitored from the time they leave the school until the time they return. (Iim)

## Panel responds to opening of graves

The state commission into the alleged disappearance of Yemenite children responded yesterday to the recent opening of several graves in Tel Aviv's Kiryat Shaul cemetery. It said that because of the difficulty in obtaining a DNA match from the bones of children less than a year old, it expects that only 32-40 such tests can be done a year. Therefore, it urged all those concerned to realize that its work could take considerable time. (Iim)

## NEWS

in brief

### US sub fails to find 'Dakar'

The US Navy research submarine NR-1 has ended its scan of the ocean floor for the missing Israeli submarine *Dakar*, and initial findings have turned up no trace of the wreck, the IDF said yesterday. Since July, NR-1 has swept the Aegean Sea and the northern Sinai coast for signs of the *Dakar*, which went missing along with 69 sailors on its maiden voyage in 1968.

The navy has spent untold millions in its 29-year search for the British-made submarine. The only trace of the sub surfaced in 1969 when one of its emergency buoys washed ashore in Gaza. It is believed that the *Dakar* dove deeper than it should have due to human error or a technical malfunction, thus causing its frame to buckle. Arieh O'Sullivan

### Remand asked for three border police

The prosecution yesterday asked that three border policemen charged with brutality toward two Palestinians, including dragging one behind a jeep, be remanded as a danger to the public and because they might interfere with the legal proceedings against them. The judge is to rule today. Iim

### Russia gives El Al right to armed guards

Boris Yeltsin's government yesterday gave Israel's civilian planes the right to have armed guards on board when they fly into Russia. The agreement was signed by Interior Minister Anatoly Kulikov and visiting Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani, according to Russian news agencies. Israel is the only country allowed this privilege, the reports said.

Kulikov said several barriers had to be overcome to allow Israeli plane crews to carry weapons, but he said Russia understood Israel's concerns about the security of its citizens. Reuters

### Father says son's death was an accident

Haim Tebari, whose son Amir shot his brother Erez to death, told Army Radio yesterday that he feels no anger toward Amir and believes it was an accident, despite police suspicions that it was murder. The police raised the murder charge in court, but are tending toward negligence as the cause. Iim

### Elbit wins venture to upgrade Greece jets

The Hellenic Air Force has selected Daimler-Benz Aerospace (Dasa), who teamed up with Israel's Elbit Systems, as its preferred contractor to undertake the avionics upgrade of 39 F-4E Phantoms, *Jane's Defense Weekly* reported. According to Lt.-Col. Bardoutsos of the Hellenic Ministry of Defense, the decision was ratified by the Greek government and a \$317 million contract was signed last week. Following abortive bids earlier in the year in which a US competitor reportedly undercut the Dasa bid, the Greeks solicited fresh proposals. For this round of bidding, Dasa, teaming up with Elbit, was successful, *Jane's* said. Elbit is to provide displays and a new mission computer, the report said. Arieh O'Sullivan

### Shumer prepares for Weizman US trip

Arye Shumer, President Ezer Weizman's bureau chief, travelled to Washington on Tuesday to prepare for Weizman's trip there later this year. Two weeks ago, US President Bill Clinton invited Weizman, who has not made an official trip to the US since becoming president, to visit him. Weizman is expected to make the trip in October, between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, though a date has not yet been set. Iim



Matza visits Maccabiah victim

Health Minister Yehoshua Matza visits Sara Alterman, one of those injured in the collapse of the pedestrian bridge at the opening of the Maccabiah Games, at Schneider Children's Medical Center for Israel in Petah Tikva yesterday.

## Meshulam followers held Mir cosmonaut featured in Tnuva ad

Two followers of jailed cult leader Uzi Meshulam were remanded yesterday until tomorrow on suspicion of vandalizing traffic lights in the Gush Dan area.

Other Meshulam followers at Kfar Saba Magistrate's Court yesterday said that the more the issue of missing Yemenite children is in the news, the more police come down on them.

The police yesterday established a special unit to deal with Meshulam's followers. Meshulam led a violent group in support of demands that an inquiry be reopened into the fate of

children of Yemenite immigrants who went missing in the early 1950s. Last week graves of children who allegedly died then were opened, but no bones were found, strengthening the claims of those who say they were abducted and given to European Jews for adoption.

The police said the offenses that Eran Gabai and Sini Hassan are suspected of amount to planned sabotage of civil life. The damage they allegedly caused is estimated at NIS 90,000.

The judge accepted that there were grounds for further remand. (Iim)

A hole in his space station was not the only thing former Mir commander Vasily Tsibilyev plugged on his star-crossed mission — he also made a television commercial for Tnuva milk.

Channel 2 yesterday broadcast a preview of the ad showing Tsibilyev swallowing a floating globe of long-life milk which he squeezed out of a can.

"The 'Milk in Space' commercial is the story of a cosmonaut who, hundreds of miles away in space and months away from home, craves fresh-tasting milk," said a spokeswoman for Gitan/BBDO, the advertising agency that produced the commercial.

She said \$450,000 was budgeted for the 90-second commercial, and a fee, which she declined to disclose, was paid to the Russian space agency. She said she did not know if the Mir crew received payment.

Flight engineer Alexander Lazutkin filmed Tsibilyev drinking the milk on July 25, a month after

Mir and a supply ship collided while the space station commander was performing a manual docking.

After the accident, the crew risked their lives by sealing off the punctured Spektr module rather than abandoning ship.

At the Mir control station, the commercial's Israeli directors radioed instructions to Lazutkin on a two-way satellite link. Some 150 Russian extras were brought to mission command for the ad.

Tsibilyev and Lazutkin returned to earth on August 14 after six months in orbit.

The milk, which needed no refrigeration, underwent microbiological examination at the Mir control station laboratory to ensure it was bacteria-free before being scooped into space, the ad agency said.

The ad marked Russia's second foray into commercials in space. Last May, two Mir cosmonauts on a space walk were filmed deploying a large replica of Pepsi's new blue can. (Reuters)

## STATE OF ISRAEL MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE PROVING EQUIPMENT FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

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Meir Ronnen  
The Jerusalem Post

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- Bids must be placed personally (in an unmarked envelope) in the Tender Box at the offices of the Industrial Cooperation Authority, Beit Hatzvi, 29 Hammered St., Tel Aviv, floor 13, rooms 1301 - 1310, on Thursday, November 20, 1997 by 2 p.m. The bid should include a NIS 350,000 bank guarantee.
- The Ministry of Trade and Industry is not obligated to accept the lowest or any other bid.



## NEWS

in brief

## Yeshiva students released on bail

Three yeshiva students suspected of killing a 74-year-old garage owner in Jerusalem's Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood, were released yesterday on NIS 20,000 bail each. A fourth student, who had been driving their car, remained in custody. The police claimed that the car in which the three were travelling, filled up with gasoline at Sheikh Jarrah gas station. The driver left without paying and the attendant, clinging to the window, was dragged several hundred meters until his body struck a stationary car and he was killed. *lim*

## Susskin to repeat psychiatric evaluation

Jerusalem District Court yesterday accepted a request by Tatiana Susskin's lawyer Shmuel Casper that his client undergo another psychiatric evaluation. Susskin is being tried for posting flyers in Hebron depicting the prophet Mohammed as a pig. Susskin told reporters yesterday that she is not sane. "The psychiatrist who is treating me says I was not responsible for my actions when I committed the crimes," Susskin told Army Radio yesterday. "It could be that today I can stand trial, but I am not responsible for what I did then." A previous psychiatric evaluation found that she was capable of standing trial. The results of this evaluation are expected within two weeks. *lim*

## Poraz praises Romanian pension plan

MK Avraham Poraz (Shinui), acting chairman of the Knesset Committee on Jewish Assets, yesterday praised Romania's decision to pay pensions to Israelis of Romanian origin, and said Romania must now make arrangements regarding the return of Jewish-owned property. Yesterday, the Romanian ambassador presented eligibility certificates for the pensions to eight Israelis, the first of thousands expected to qualify. The pensions will be paid in Romanian currency and will not be able to be converted into foreign currency. *lim*

## Matza likely to separate health, nursing insurance

by JUDY SIEGEL

Health Minister Yehoshua Matza has a "strong inclination" to give the four public health funds sole responsibility for supplementary health insurance and to permit only private insurance companies to offer old-age nursing insurance.

At present, all of the health funds are keen on supplying supplementary health insurance — services beyond the basket of health services — because such programs are very profitable. Some health funds supply these services directly to members today, while others have contracted private insurance companies to provide them.

Matza says that if he, in all likelihood, approves the separation scheme, each health fund will have to set up a separate non-profit organization and accounting system for supplementary health insurance operations. These would be supervised closely by the Health Ministry, and the insurers could offer varied plans to attract purchasers of these plans.

As for old-age nursing schemes, only the private insurance companies — which have much actuarial expertise — would be allowed to offer these under ministry supervision. "I don't want the health funds to be bogged down with actuarial problems which caused great deficits in the pension funds," Matza told *The Jerusalem Post* in an interview last night.

Matza has not yet decided whether a member of Health Fund A could join the supplementary health insurance scheme of Health Fund B.

He disclosed that Chai Insurance official Avigdor Kaplan (former director-general of Kupat Holim

Chalit) had approached him with the idea of launching a private health fund to compete on an equal basis with the four public ones. Matza said he would have to study the proposal and consult with ministry experts before considering it.

The health minister is working on a "conceptual revision" of ministry policy, and wants to turn it into a slimmed-down office that supervises and controls rather than provides services (through government hospitals) itself. He could not say for certain whether psychiatric services would be included in the basket of health services provided by the insurers starting January 1 (several years late), but hoped the deadline could be met.

Meanwhile, Chalit officials yesterday praised the Health and Finance Ministries for supporting its view that supplementary health insurance plans should be left in the hands of the public health funds, instead of allowing only private insurance companies to offer them.

In a meeting with Finance Ministry director-general Shmuel Slavin and Insurance Commissioner Doron Shorer, Chalit deputy director-general for finances Ze'ev Werbman said his health fund "didn't require an insurance company license to supply supplementary health insurance." He argued that there was an "artificial line" between supplementary health insurance and the basket of health services. In-vitro fertilization treatments to produce a couple's first and second child are in the basket, while those for a third and fourth child are in supplementary health plans, he said.

## Deported war criminal may face charges in Australia

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN and news agencies

The Australian Federal Police plans to look at material used in the process that led Canada to deport Nazi war criminal Konrad Kalejs to determine whether he could face charges in Australia, Australian Ambassador Ian Wilcock said yesterday.

Kalejs, an Australian citizen who was deported from Canada on Monday and arrived in Sydney yesterday, served as an officer in the notorious Arajs Kommando, which played an active role in the murder of tens of thousands of Jews in Latvia, according to Efraim Zuroff, director of the Simon

Wiesenthal Center's Israel office. Wilcock explained that the police and the attorney-general's department now have responsibility for deciding what to do with Kalejs.

"The Australian Federal Police has an open file on his having allegedly committed war crimes," Wilcock said, "and the AFP has continued to review this matter in light of available evidence. It has sought access to material used in the Canadian deportation hearing, and is looking at it and negotiating to obtain further material. Once it is reviewed, it will be in a position to decide, in conjunction with other law enforcement agencies, whether any offense has been committed by Mr. Kalejs against

Australian legislation."

Wilcock stressed that since Kalejs is an Australian citizen, he could not be denied entry, but that if he were to be convicted of a crime under Australian war crimes legislation, "deprivation of citizenship could be considered. We will have to see how it plays out, but it will be looked at very, very closely."

However, Zuroff expressed doubts Kalejs would be prosecuted. "His case was previously investigated twice, so I am currently doubtful whether the political will currently exists in Canberra to prosecute Nazi war criminals for their crimes," he said.

"Not only wasn't Kalejs prosecuted

previously, when the Australian government had the opportunity, but a fellow officer of the Arajs Kommando named Karlis Ozols, who was recommended for prosecution by the Australian Special Investigations Unit, was also not prosecuted because the attorney-general at that time closed down the SIU, and it was obvious that the government had no intention to pursue this matter further."

"That case was perhaps the strongest case against a Nazi living in Australia, and the failure to bring it to court was a clear-cut indication that the Australian government had no interest in doing so. If the arrival of Kalejs changes this, that would

be a welcome development. I have my doubts."

Australian Jewish groups urged their government to take legal action against Kalejs.

"If the Australian government decides that there is no legal reason to put Kalejs on trial, it's a sign that we need to quickly change Australian law," Jeremy Jones, deputy head of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry said.

Wilcock said the AFP had briefed Australian Jewish leaders on the case.

Kalejs received Australian citizenship in 1957, before immigrating to the US.

## Court awards damages to AIDS patient

The Health Ministry must pay NIS 300,000 in damages to an AIDS victim because of a physician's negligence in informing her or the hospital administration she was HIV positive, Tel Aviv District Court ruled yesterday. The woman had sued the physician and the ministry.

Judge Tzipora Baron said that Dr. Nuri Vardimon, head of the immunology laboratory at Tel Aviv's Ichilov Hospital, failed to try to locate the woman, a 28-year-old prostitute and drug addict, after she was tested for the disease in 1991. She also failed to notify the hospital administration that the woman had tested positive.

The woman, who today lives in a hospice and is suffering from the final stages of the disease, discovered she was HIV positive in 1993, after returning to the hospital for the results of the test at the request of a drug treatment program to which she had applied.

Vardimon and the ministry contended that the woman only had given the hospital her name and ID number, and never had come to receive the test results or to leave other identifying information.

Baron, however, said that when Vardimon discovered the woman was HIV positive and had not returned to receive her test results, she should have notified the hospital administration, especially since she knew the woman was a prostitute and therefore was very likely to infect others.

The court also dismissed the defendants' argument that even had the woman known she was HIV positive in 1991, she would not have changed her behavior, as she didn't in 1993 when she finally found out. The court, however, said the expected shock effect of the knowledge was reversed because the woman realized she had been HIV positive for two years, but had not contracted AIDS. She finally contracted the disease in 1995. *(lim)*



Israel Singer (left), the head of a Jewish delegation which held talks with German Chancellor Minister Friedrich Bohl on compensating Holocaust survivors, gestures as Bohl (center) looks on after their meeting yesterday in Bonn. *(Reuters)*

## Bonn to set up body for Holocaust claims

BONN — The German government and Jewish community representatives agreed yesterday to set up a special commission to examine how to deal with reparations claims from east European Holocaust victims.

Chancellor Minister Friedrich Bohl said the commission would have three months to reach its findings.

Israel Singer, the head of a Jewish delegation which held talks with Bohl, thanked Bonn for its efforts and said he was pleased a mechanism had been found to address the claims of Holocaust victims in eastern Europe.

"They were twice victims — once of Nazism and the second time of Communism," said Singer, secretary general of the World Jewish

Congress. "We saw to it today ... to make sure that they will not be a third time victimized."

Bohl, however, made clear that the German government remained opposed to regular monthly payments to the eastern European Holocaust victims.

Germany has paid around 100 billion marks (\$54.5b. at current rates) in compensation since World War II to victims of Nazi crimes and injustice, but Holocaust victims from the eastern bloc were excluded from payments during the Cold War.

After the collapse of communism, lobby groups said east European victims were paid only a fraction of sums given to western victims and have demanded equal treatment.

They argued that even though Germany set

funds aside for them, this only amounted to a maximum of 1,000 marks in one-off payments, while people living in Germany received about 500 marks a month.

Meanwhile, US Undersecretary of State Stuart Eizenstat has proposed that Swiss banks and other business that profited from World War II increase a fund already set up for Holocaust victims. Swiss firms and officials reacted coolly to the idea yesterday.

Eizenstat told Swiss television in an interview broadcast Tuesday night that firms should "substantially" increase the fund set up earlier this year by the three biggest Swiss banks. Some 270m. Swiss francs (about \$70 m.) have been given or pledged to the fund. *(News Agencies)*

## Celebs may nix LA's Israel 50th anniversary bash

By TOM TUGEND

LOS ANGELES — Actor Billy Crystal and a number of other Hollywood celebrities have, for the time being, declined to appear at a gala Los Angeles celebration of Israel's 50th anniversary.

The reluctance of the popular comedian and others to lend their talents to the event reflect the growing strains between large segments of the American Jewish community and Israel, centered on the legitimacy and treatment of non-Orthodox Jews in Israel.

These growing strains became the

focus last week of a small meeting between four Jewish VIPs and an Israeli diplomat, called originally to discuss local plans to mark Israel's 50th anniversary.

The meeting at the posh Hillcrest Country Club was held the same day that a large group of Conservative and Reform men and women, praying together at the Western Wall plaza on Tisha Be'av, were violently evicted by police.

In short order, the meeting's scheduled focus shifted as participants pointed to growing anger among American Jews about the conversion bill pending in the

Knesset and previous attacks and perceived discrimination against non-Orthodox Jews in Israel.

The conversion bill would put into law the current practice of denying recognition to conversions performed in Israel by Reform and Conservative rabbis. The bill is seen by many American Jews as an attack on the legitimacy of their branches of Judaism.

Following the meeting, Yoram Ben-Ze'ev, Israel's consul general in Los Angeles, filed what he considered a routine report on the discussion to the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem. He also indicated that the strong feelings expressed at the meeting were symptomatic of a shifting relationship between Israel and American Jewry.

Somewhat to his surprise, Ben-Ze'ev's dispatch was released by the Foreign Ministry to the Israeli media, and the story, with some embellishments, was widely reported in the press and on radio and television.

The meeting with the consul-general was attended by four of the most influential Jews in Los Angeles.

They were Lew Wasserman, chairman emeritus of Universal Studios and still one of Hollywood's heaviest power hitters; Bram Goldsmith, chairman and CEO of City National Corp. and a former Jewish Federation Council president; the Federation's current president, Herbert Gelfand; and Federation executive vice president, John Fishel.

The outspoken Goldsmith said he expressed his feelings that the conversion bill and the incidents at the Western Wall were "an insult to every Jew" with an already noticeable impact on contributions by large givers

to the United Jewish Fund. Goldsmith acknowledged that he himself was thinking of reducing his pledge.

Along similar lines, one of the participants cited the reluctance by Crystal, and three other Hollywood stars, to appear at the 50th anniversary celebration.

No additional information was available, since Crystal is away on location. Wasserman declined to comment, and Gelfand is in Israel.

Ben-Ze'ev said in a later interview that he was surprised, but not altogether displeased, by the Foreign Ministry's release of his report.

"The Israeli media, preoccupied with more pressing matters, has paid little attention to these issues so far, so some good may come of it," he said.

He noted that the Hillcrest meeting was by no means an isolated incident and that he had encountered much more heated emotions in every city he has visited in the eight Western states under his jurisdiction.

"The matter goes beyond the current controversy," he said. "I think both Israel and world Jewry are on a genuine quest for a new identity. We need to redefine ourselves and find a broad common denominator to hold all Jews together."

Fishel said that while there exists a certain alienation from Israel among some Los Angeles Jews, part of this was due to misunderstandings of the actual situation in Israel.

The gala celebration of Israel's independence is slated for April 15 at the Shrine Auditorium and will be the highlight in Los Angeles of the year's anniversary events. Fishel said that negotiations were under way to have the event telecast by a major American network.



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# Moscow to stop funding Mir plan

Plavsic dissolved the Bosnian Serb parliament and called early elections last month after hardline opponents rejected her demand to suspend the interior minister, Dragan Kijac, a staunch Karadzic loyalist.

Plavsic has broken with fellow nationalists and accused them of running smuggling rackets and damaging Serb interests by sabotaging efforts to enforce a peace treaty.

By trying to counter Plavsic, Karadzic has attracted attention to himself and sparked calls for his arrest and extradition to face charges before the U.N. war crimes tribunal in The Hague.

NATO has said it will not tolerate Karadzic wielding influence behind the scenes indefinitely and hinted he

MOSCOW, Aug 21 (Reuters) - Russia will end financing for the ageing Mir space station and retire it in 1998, Russia's deputy finance minister said in remarks released for publication today.

"The task is pressing. We must remove Mir from orbit. This will be done next year," Vladimir Petrov, first deputy finance minister said.

"You see, there have already been a series of breakdowns, one failure, another failure." It was not clear if Petrov was expressing his personal opinion or outlining a growing concern among Russian policymakers.

Space officials have said they intend to keep Mir in orbit at least until the year 2000, and leading Russian policymakers have not previously advocated its retirement. If and when Mir is abandoned, it will eventually fall to earth.

"The question of the station's support or removal is a state issue that will be decided by the government, and not by Petrov," said a government spokesman.

Alexander Voznesensky, "The information I have says continued support was planned," Valery Ryumin, who heads Russia's cooperation with NASA on Mir, added. "A International Research

say whatever nonsense he wants. I don't even want to hear this nonsense." Deputy Prime Minister Yakov Urinson told reporters earlier this month Mir financing would continue next year.

"The 1997 budget and the 1998 budget will provide for the necessary means to finance the Russian space programme and work on the Mir station," he said.

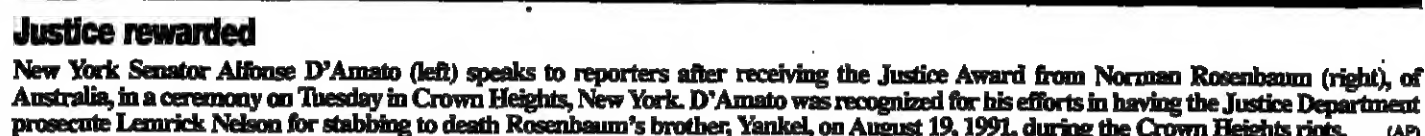
Russian space officials on Wednesday could not provide exact figures on the cost of operating Mir and outside observers say Russian military control of some aspects of the programme make it hard to calculate.

Foreign governments, and especially the United States, have supported a large part of the station's cost in recent years.

The U.S. agreed to pay Russia \$478 million, mostly for Mir-related activities, under a December 1993 agreement to last until 1998. The European Space Agency (ESA) paid \$50 million for two joint missions involving Mir in 1994 and 1995, according to Alain Fournier-Sicre, head of the ESA mission to Russia.

He said he had spoken to a top Russian space official on Wednesday who did not anticipate a struggle for 1998 funding.

Blaye, the smallest port of the Aquitaine region, exported 333,000 tons of grain, including 200,000 ton of maize, in the 1996/97 season. The region shipped 2.410 million tons of grain in the same campaign.



**TEHRAN (Reuters)** — Iran's parliament yesterday voted in all the ministers in the proposed cabinet of President Mohammad Khatami, giving him a strong start for his reform mandate.

Deputies voted overwhelmingly in favor of all ministers, despite fierce criticism from conservatives who had threatened to reject some controversial nominees.

It had been expected that Khatami could lose two candidates — Atollah Mojtaherani as culture minister and Abolbahr Nouri as interior minister — after they came under fire in more than 15 hours of debate on Tuesday.

The vote confirmed Kamal Khanzai, ambassador at the UN, as the new foreign minister, navy commander Rear-Adm. Ali Shamkhani as defense minister, and Qorbanali Dorri Najafabadi, a Shi'ite cleric, at intelligence (internal security).

It also confirmed Bijan Namdar Zangeneh, who was a minister in charge of electricity and water, as oil minister, and Hossein Namazi as the economy and finance minister, a post he first held from 1982 to 1986.

Mohajeri, who had been sharply criticized by conservative deputies, received 144 votes in his favor, 96 against, and 20 abstentions.

The Mohajeri vote of confi-

dence was seen as vital for Khatami to carry out promises of bringing social and economic change.

Conservatives had directed their sharpest criticism at Mohajerani as a "liberal" threatening the future of the Islamic republic and Nouri for alleged disloyalty toward Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

Mohajerani earlier defended his right to be appointed to the cabinet, saying he was tolerant in the same way that Islam is tolerant to different views points.

"I disagree with almost all of the present practices in the Culture Ministry. We have to protect artists and provide an atmosphere for creativity, tranquillity, and freedom," he

"Everybody who has accepted the Islamic Republic and its constitution must be subject to tolerance. I condemn the burning of book shops, the beating of university lecturers, and attacks on magazine offices."

Mohajerani was repeatedly criticized by conservative deputies for advocating a resumption of talks with the US in 1990 and for his moderate views.

Khatami forcefully defended Mohajerani's views. "What Mohajerani said today are my own ideas. Whatever was said against him was said against me before the election, and I do not forget that the people chose my view," he told deputies.

Two-thirds of Americans still agree with that. But in a historical perspective, that is still a lightning-fast change from 1968. We're in a state of transition to a more humane method of child rearing," it Straus said.

Nevertheless, it is far from certain that Americans are heeding the advice from experts who are increasingly saying "spank the rod." Spanking is commonplace in many American homes, even though there is evidence that parents are deeply conflicted about it, experts say.

Even a 1994 survey of psychologists found that while 75% of the respondents opposed, spanking and 55% believed it to be an abusive act, 49% reported having spanked their

The topic is so sensitive that the American Academy of Pediatrics last fall was forced to clarify its position, after it published a paper that downplayed the negative consequences of physical punishments. Some media organizations erroneously reported that the AAP was reconsidering the merits of corporal punishment.

The AAP is in the process of drafting a new statement on "effective discipline," but says of its current policy: "The academy position is that alternatives to physical punishment are preferable means of discipline."

Spanking may relieve a parent's frustration for the moment and extinguish the undesirable behavior for a brief time. But it is the least effective way to discipline."

While studies show that many parents' beliefs on spanking are dictated by what they experienced as a child (such as "I was spanked, but I turned out OK"), professional groups are looking closely at the scientific data on the repercussions of corporal punishment. And even that is not very helpful.

According to the report published last year by the AAP, researcher Robert E. Larzelere's analysis of 11 studies on spanking showed that six had beneficial child outcomes, four had neutral outcomes, and only one showed a detrimental effect on the child.

Another analysis of studies on spankings that were nonabusive (not causing bruises or other injuries) administered only to 2- to 6-year-olds and used only as a backup when non-physical discipline techniques failed, also found largely beneficial effects. But research presented at Monday's American Psychological Association symposium on spanking suggested numerous deleterious effects.

For example, an ongoing study launched in 1975 has found that children who are spanked have higher rates of behavioral problems and are more likely to have problems with interpersonal relationships as adults, said **Fai Cohen** of the New York Psychiatric Institute, who has followed the children into adulthood and

is now observing how they treat their offspring.

In addition, Cohen said, parents who spank also tend to exhibit more coercive parenting techniques, such as screaming, making threats, and withdrawing love.

"There is no scientific validation in defense of spanking," she said. "It is often a sign that parents do not have the skills to parent effectively or at least temporarily cannot apply their skills due to overwhelming problems."

And, according to research by Straus, of the Family Research Lab at the University of New Hampshire, the more corporal punishment a child

experiences, the greater the probability of the child exhibiting aggressive behavior.

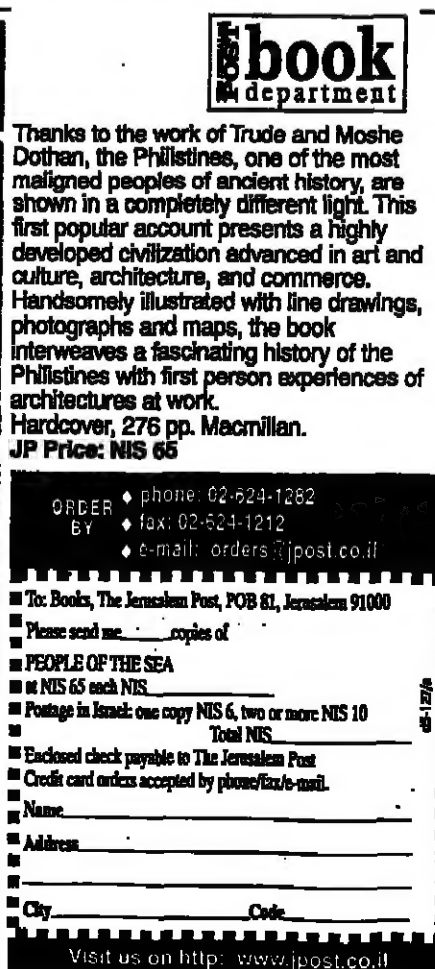
Perhaps the strongest reason not to spank, some experts say, is that much better disciplinary techniques can be used. Popular nonphysical techniques include giving the child a "time out," ignoring mild misbehavior, and distracting the child with another activity.

History tends to show that parents will adhere to admonitions not to spank, Hyman said. For instance, a law was passed in Sweden in 1979 forbidding spanking even though it was a fairly common practice at that time. The law did not carry any penal-

ties and was considered largely symbolic. But surveys show the vast majority of Swedes now believe that children should be raised without corporal punishment.

Scads of research, however, may not be enough to topple attitudes "deeply rooted in the American psyche," Hyman said.

"We believe, based on comparative research, that America is the most punitive of Western democracies," he said. "We believe that the whole issue of corporal punishment has been framed incorrectly... Since we have always used corporal punishment, we assume that it is natural to continue using it."



**CALCUTTA (Reuters)** — Mother Teresa is upset with French author Dominique Lapierre over a movie script depicting her work in India, an official associated with her order said yesterday.

The controversy revolves around a television film, *Mother Teresa: In the Name of God's Poor*, that Lapierre has sold to the Los Angeles-based Hallmark Entertainment.

"Mother is very upset," Sumeeta Kumar of the Missionaries of Charity said yesterday. "It is not a suitable film. The work for the poor was not properly shown ... it was more of a fiction."

**Mother Teresa turns 87 next week**

Sister Nirmala, who took over as head of the Missionaries of Charity in March, said: "I wish to make clear that this movie is not authorized by Mother Teresa, and does not carry her endorsement nor that of the Missionaries of Charity."

Entertainment purchased the script for the movie from a company which has paid \$180,000 to Mr. Dominique Lapiere."

Kumar, who looks after foreign volunteers at the Missionaries of Charity, confirmed that Mother Teresa gave permission to Lapierre in December 1982 to make a film, but added that the permission was later withdrawn.

"Mother Teresa gave this permission with the idea and understanding that the film would be made in such a way as to glorify God and truly serve the poorest of the poor by showing their great and tender love and God's tender love and care for them," Kumar said.

"Mother Teresa, on November 7, 1990, withdrew any permission given to Mr. Lariette," Kumar said.

Lapierre was quoted as saying he had donated the money he received for the script to a charity called Action Aid for Leper Children of Calcutta. The Missionaries of Charity treats lepers in its clinic.

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## Discrimination at the UN

The international community is grappling with how to expand the UN Security Council. The council, whose duties include the commitment of peacekeepers around the world, has 15 members. Five states, the victors of World War II, are permanent members with veto power. The 10 non-permanent members represent different regions of the world for two-year terms.

US Ambassador Bill Richardson has proposed that five new permanent members be added: Germany, Japan, and three unspecified nations representing the developing world. It seems to be a given that the council will expand. "Enlargement is long overdue," *The New York Times* said in an editorial last week. The only questions appear to be who will get the new seats and whether new permanent members will have a veto.

However, enlargement without reform is premature. Before there is any initiative to increase the council, one ought to question why all member states have not had an equal chance to hold one of the non-permanent seats in the old chamber.

Israel, in this instance, is unique. It is the only

state that has been excluded from the regional groups. These groups select candidates to represent a geographic area in the Security Council and in other UN organs.

Israel's natural geographic affiliation would place it in the Arab group, which, in turn, is part of the larger Asian group. A state, however, cannot join the group without the consent of all its members. The Arab states will not admit Israel.

In the meantime, Israel wants to become a temporary member of the "Western European and Others" group. The "others" are Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. The US Foreign Policy Reform Act, which is being considered by the US Congress, calls on the State Department to promote full equality for Israel at the UN by encouraging the "Western European and Others" group to admit Israel.

There is something structurally wrong with an organization that allows the systematic and decades-long discrimination against one of its member states, while its charter calls for the universality of UN membership. The expansion of the Security Council provides a compelling opportunity to rectify this injustice.

## Finish the job

Ever since he supposedly stepped down from leadership of the Bosnian Serbs after being judged unfit to hold office by NATO, Radovan Karadzic has continued to wield ever more subversive power.

His defiance of international law has become daily more arrogant. At last, and not before time, NATO acted yesterday to thwart his scheming by dismantling checkpoints set up by his loyalists at Banja Luka. As if Bosnia is not already divided enough, the Serb sector of the dissected country is itself now split in two. There is an open power struggle between the ultra-hardline military center at Pale and the civilian power center of President Biljana Plavsic at Banja Luka. Plavsic controls Banja Luka and the northwest, Karadzic Pale and eastern Bosnia. Karadzic's seizure of the police station at Banja Luka last week was a cheeky foray into Plavsic territory — yet another exercise in what the Americans call Karadzic's anti-democratic subversion.

By thwarting Karadzic's underhand bid to oust Plavsic, NATO peacekeepers (or rather, their political leaders) have thrown their weight behind the president for the first time. Plavsic was once thought to be scarcely less hardline than the blood-and-iron types at Pale. But she has shown a commendable ability to stand up for the Dayton peace accords and move on from wartime rhetoric to realpolitik. Because of that,

the Western power brokers are right to back her as the only acceptable leader of Serbian Bosnia.

The United Nations police found ample evidence of Karadzic's subversion in the raided police station — arms, 500 tape recordings of Plavsic's conversations, and documents pointing to intimidation of judges of the Constitutional Court. They allegedly were forced to rule against Plavsic's decision to call new elections to replace the pro-Karadzic Bosnian-Serb assembly.

This is evidence not of irregularity, or of political rivalries, but of criminal activity. Since Karadzic and his top cronies already stand officially accused of heinous war crimes, it is clear they no longer have any idea of the difference between criminality and normality — if they ever did.

NATO forces have shown increasing impatience with the lack of prosecutions of those indicted of war crimes. They have now decided to intervene in what some might regard as an internal affair, but is in reality necessary action in support of the 1995 Dayton Agreement, and against those trying to subvert it. The peacekeepers should now measure up to the undoubtedly tough task of going all out after Karadzic to deliver him and his lieutenants to The Hague to face the inevitable judgment of the world. In Banja Luka yesterday, NATO adopted a much-needed tougher profile. Now it should finish the job.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### BREASTFED BABIES

Sir, — I am writing in reference to Judy Siegel's article of July 29 concerning the high rate of anemia in Jerusalem babies.

Once again, the Ministry of Health is trying to put a band-aid on the problem of infant health by recommending vitamins and iron supplements. The authorities have yet to understand the importance of actively supporting breastfeeding which is the cheapest, easiest and by far the best way of preventing illness. It is especially important to have qualified lactation consultants or nurses work with populations at risk. Special programs in Third World countries and developed ones (such as WIC in the US) have proven very effective in raising the breastfeeding rates.

I must take exception to the recommendation to routinely supplement fully breastfed babies with iron and vitamins. Breast milk has a small amount of iron compared to formulas or infant cereals, but it is well absorbed by the body. Human milk has everything necessary to fully nourish a baby for at least the first half year of life. It is very rare to see a totally breastfed anemic baby.

SUSAN NACHMAN-SREBRNIK, LC

Ra'anana.

### DISCOURAGING

Sir, — It is discouraging to contemplate Arab reaction to the outrage in Mahaneh Yehuda and to earlier suicide attacks on innocent populations, even by those who bemoan the massacres. One searches their statements in vain for condemnation of the religious fanaticism that condones human beings destroying themselves on the altar of vengeance against their supposed enemies. Worse, our "partner" in peace Yasser Arafat is among those who invariably glorify these barbaric self-victims as martyrs to Islam.

I am not a Moslem, but I would suggest that the silent assent of mainstream political and religious leaders to the doctrine of self-destruction sullies the good name of their widely-revered faith. Their silence also places a pall over those who desperately wish to build trust and confidence with their antagonists. Until such time as Arab spokesmen muster the will to disown publicly and forcefully the extremists among them who justify these acts of savagery by their own co-religionists, how can we expect that they will respect the lives of those with whom they purportedly seek to make peace?

JACK E. FRIEDMAN

Jerusalem.

### INSULTING WORD

Sir, — In describing the Swiss list (July 25), your reporters mention Karl Jaeger, "an exterminator of Lithuanian Jewry." This letter is to protest the use of the word "exterminator" in connection with people murdered by the Nazis.

According to my Webster's unabridged, there is only one meaning to the word exterminator, and that is "one that rids a place of vermin." The euphemism "exterminate" in all its forms is probably the most common word used to describe the murder of European Jewry in the world's press. Actually the use of the word is an outrage and an insult. Under "exterminate" for example, the above dictionary defines the word as "to get rid of as by killing (exterminating rats)."

My mother, seven sisters and brothers and all my other relatives murdered by the Nazis were not vermin, insects or pests. They were wonderful human beings. They were murdered. They were not exterminated, terminated, eradicated, uprooted or transferred.

DORIS PAPIER

Herzliya.

## FROM OUR ARCHIVES

50 years ago: On August 21, 1937, *The Palestine Post* reported that the 4,400 *Exodus* 1947 "illegal" immigrants to Palestine would be transported aboard their three "floating cages" lying off Port de Bouc, to Hamburg, Germany, if they refused to disembark in France. Urgent appeals for their return to Palestine were submitted to the Palestine and

British governments by Jewish leadership and numerous international institutions. Heavy small-arms fire rattled the streets of Jerusalem. A mine delayed the Cairo-Haifa train near Gaza.

25 years ago: On August 21, 1972, *The Jerusalem Post* reported that the Prime Minister Golda

Meir called an extraordinary Knesset session to discuss the implications of the new head tax which had been imposed on Jewish professionals who have applied for exit permits from the Soviet Union. A resolution condemning the new tax was adopted by an emergency conference of Jewish scientists.

Alexander Zvielli



## A costly remedy

AMIEL UNGAR

It is natural for the government to respond to the murder of Shmuel Ben-Baruch by foot-candle the bill for devices that enhance the security of taxi drivers. Unfortunately, the logic of fixing on defensive solutions is essentially wrong.

When the government unfreezes blocked funds to the Palestinian Authority in recompense for its aid in the investigation of the Ben-Baruch murder, its logic is worse than wrong. It is twisted.

The murderers of taxi drivers have invariably been Arabs who sought to hijack the vehicle to areas under the Palestinian Authority. There, the thieves could fall back on a well-developed crime network.

The vehicle-stripping establishment which offered to dispose of Ben-Baruch's NIS 400,000 vehicle for a mere NIS 7,000, did not sprout up immediately after the incident. Its existence and that of numerous other "tradesmen" has been known to the Palestinian authorities.

Indeed, the entire car-theft operation displays all the signs of institutionalization. When former Tel Aviv mayor Sholomo Labat and Jerusalem councilman Oman Yekutieli had their cars stolen, they made phone calls to Ahmed Tibi and other high-placed contacts in the Palestinian Authority. In recognition of Labat and Yekutieli's stellar service in the cause of peace, their vehicles were returned intact.

Papers appearing in the areas under Palestinian Authority have even published an automobile abolition scheme. In return for a monthly fee to the Palestinian Authority, one can obtain a change of license that upgrades a

vehicle from "stolen" to "legitimate." Of course the crowning ignominy is the widespread use of stolen vehicles by members of the Palestinian Police.

Instead of releasing funds in gratitude for Palestinian cooperation (including the patented instillations of perpetrators which preempt extradition requests), the government should be deducting

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funds to punish Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat for his connivance in the car-theft racket.

Let us, for argument's sake, embrace the illusion that the massive car thefts are merely the work of criminals and do not constitute a form of warfare against Israel. Even in such circumstances the Netanyahu government is continuing the lamentable policy of its Labor predecessor. Car theft, agricultural pilferage and property destruction are dismissed by the government as only money.

This attitude toward economic crime, which ranges from the cavalier to the fatalistic, constitutes an invitation to crimes against persons.

NEW YORK City is an example of the benefits of the opposite

approach. Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, in addition to beefing up the police force, has embraced a new policy toward crime. Law enforcement agencies treat all crimes as a menace and do not concentrate on solving major crimes. Even those who cheat the New York subway system out of a fare are pursued and prosecuted.

As a result, crime is down. If we do not convey to the Arabs that Jewish property is not "hefker," cheap and free for the asking, they will draw the corollary that Jewish blood is also "hefker."

Let us stop taking refuge in hardware solutions. The NIS 5,000 proposal for safety devices will go the way of fancy alarm systems, whose effectiveness is questionable. The thieves will learn how to bypass and disconnect the satellite system, and by the time police can mount a rescue attempt, the vehicle will have crossed into the safe-haven of the autonomous areas.

Instead, we need to wage an all-out war against the thieves and their backers.

One of the heads of the taxi organizations claimed in an interview that he had spoken with an experienced reserve officer about such aggressive action. Maybe this was meant as a mere pressure tactic. We obviously have no interest in the proliferation of vigilante organizations.

The approach of shifting to the attack is, however, the correct one. This will not be the first time that cabbies, the very epitome of *vex populi*, will have shown themselves to be more astute than the presumed experts.

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## PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



With the death of 122-year-old Jeanne Cahment, the title of world's oldest person is the subject of fierce competition. Romania's candidate is Anitica Butariu (above), 115. Butariu, holding her birth certificate, has been deaf since her birth on June 17, 1882.

## POSTSCRIPT

A PHILADELPHIA woman sued the pharmacy that sold her a contraceptive jelly — because she ate the stuff on toast and got pregnant anyway.

Incredibly, many legal experts are saying she's got an excellent chance of collecting. "The woman is a complete idiot," said one attorney anonymously. "How bright can you be if you think eating a vaginal gel will prevent conception?"

"But certain aspects of the case involve truth in labeling and false advertising issues. She may not collect but she'll make a lot of noise and trouble."

"People are down on lawyers anyway. They think we waste time and money on frivolous lawsuits. This isn't going to help our public relations any."

A spokesman for the unnamed

mom-and-pop drugstore says he's shocked and angry that such a case could ever be taken seriously. "All she has to do is open the box and read the directions," he said. "Next thing you know someone will come after us because they couldn't stick things together with their toothpaste. I can just imagine some moron saying: 'It's paste, isn't it? Why can't I glue these papers onto my bulletin board?'"

But lawyers for the plaintiff say she was swindled and lied to by implication, and they intend to make the pharmacy pay \$500,000 for the hardship the woman will have to endure.

"It says right on it 'jelly,'" said the woman, a former model who was once a cheerleader for a popular professional basketball team. "And they kept it on the shelf

just two aisles from the food section. I know, now, that the directions say it should be used vaginally with a condom."

"But who has time to sit around reading directions these days — especially when you're sexually aroused?"

"The company should call it something else and the pharmacy shouldn't sell it without telling each and every customer who buys it that eating it won't prevent you from getting pregnant."

As bizarre as it sounds, the pharmacy could wind up losing the lawsuit.

"With the courts bending over backwards to please consumer groups," said another attorney, "the temper of the times is perfect for these crackpots to bring legal action against businesses — even a moronic legal action like this."

## Our boys

LARRY DERFNER

The young Border Policemen were having a wild time. They were punching Gaza cab drivers for parking where they shouldn't, smashing their hoods with billy clubs, ripping their antennas off.

They called over a Palestinian sitting at a bus stop, and when he got close enough, slammed the door of their jeep in his face. They strutted around, slapping their billy clubs against their thighs, livid with aggression, scaring the hell out of passersby.

After seeing this on my first day of reserve duty in Gaza in 1990, I remarked to some of my fellow reservists, mostly middle-aged men like myself, that the Border Policemen seemed a little over-enthusiastic about their work.

The consensus opinion in my unit, though, was that this was a dirty job that had to be done. "Look," one soldier explained, "it's rough over here. If you don't make the Palestinians fear you, they'll kill you. Now I'm not going to do it, you're not going to do it, but somebody has to do it, and that's what they have the Border Police for."

At first I thought this was a pretty callous attitude. In time, though, I realized they were right. As the saying goes, there's no such thing as a humane occupation.

We can't go into Gaza or the West Bank and be firm but fair. We can't tell the Palestinians, "Now you treat us with respect, and we'll treat you with

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respect," because they don't respect us.

They mean to run us out of their country. And if we intend to stay there, we've got to show them right up front who's boss, and remind them of it regularly. Otherwise they'll trample us.

WE'RE FINDING out these days that although the occupation is supposedly on its way out, the Border Police is still making its presence felt among the Palestinians.

Two policemen were just convicted of lining up a group of West Bank laborers, then kicking, slugging and riding them like donkeys. Three more confessed to beating and tying a pair of workers to their jeep and dragging them through a forest.

B'tselem detailed a dozen cases of "beatings, degradation and serious abuse" of Palestinians by Border Police in just the last three months.

The families and friends of the two convicted policemen, ages 19 and 20, were furious over the eight-month sentence they each received. These boys defended Israel, and Israel throws them to the dogs, their supporters shouted in court. "My son is the true victim," said one of the fathers.

Maybe he has a point. Israel can talk all it wants about "purity of arms," but you don't keep the Palestinians down for 30 years with purity of arms. You've got to use indelicate measures, and for this you need indelicate recruits, which is where the Border Police comes in.

As a rule, they are not *b'nei rovim* — sons of the elite. Not college-bound paratroopers from Rehavia, not sandy-haired kibbutz pilots.

They are, in the main, sons of the Israeli underclass — poor or working-class Sephardim, badly educated, brought up on authoritarian rules, in neighborhoods where violence and hatred of Arabs is common, where a lot of people carry around loads of resentment.

Is it any surprise, then, when the boys let off some steam on a bunch of sorry Palestinian bricklayers? They might have been bred for this kind of thing.

Referring to the world-renowned video showing the two Border Police defendants whaling away at their captives, the judge said, "One sees before one's eyes the malice and cruelty that threaten to swallow up all that is good in our society. It cannot be denied that these acts and similar ones are on the increase, and the mind and heart refuse to believe what the eye sees."

Oh, believe it, judge. This is how we won the West Bank, and to the extent that we want to keep our winnings, we'll need to use plenty more malice and cruelty. And we've got the right boys for the job.

Look, somebody has to do it.

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# The world at the brink

By John Newhouse

ONE HELL OF A GAMBLE: Khrushchev, Castro, and Kennedy, 1958-1964 by Aleksandr Fursenko and Timothy Naftali. New York: W.W. Norton. 420pp. \$27.50.

The Cuban missile crisis was the climax of the Cold War's truly perilous time, the years 1960 through 1962, when each superpower felt itself being relentlessly tested by the other. The story of that brief confrontation has been steadily enriched by a procession of declassified American documents as well as by memoirs. Until now, however, we haven't had a good up-close look at large and vital parts of the drama: the thinking and motives of the Soviet leader, Nikita Khrushchev; the interplay between Moscow and Havana; the degree of risk that the Kremlin was willing to run in order to secure its foothold in the Caribbean.

This detailed account may not altogether fill the gap, but it comes fairly close. *One Hell of a Gamble* was written by Aleksandr Fursenko, a Russian historian, and Timothy Naftali, an American who teaches history at Yale. They were granted exclusive permission to review Khrushchev's papers; they were also able to draw on archival material from other official Soviet sources, including the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Central Committee, the Armed Forces General Staff and the GRU (military intelligence).

The episodic drama begins with the flirtation of the Castro brothers, Fidel and Raul, with Moscow after they seized power at the start of 1959. (In Raul's case the flirtation started even earlier, he, unlike his opportunistic brother, was a convinced Communist.) The story then moves stage by stage, mini-crisis after mini-crisis, to the fateful 15 days during which the people most frightened were almost certainly the ones in Washington and Moscow who were trying to defuse the crisis. It was never in the cards that Khrushchev would fight for Cuba, where he was playing a very weak hand. But Washington could not be sure of that, let alone make that assumption.

The authors shift the scene continually from Washington to Moscow and Havana — among the political leaders and their advisers, intelligence agents and their principals, military chiefs and their bosses. The story takes on the elements of great theater as it moves to its denouement.

We find Khrushchev, a frustrated high roller, looking for some way to offset America's heavy edge in long-range nuclear weapons. "Why not throw a hedgehog at Uncle Sam's pants?" he said to Rodion Malinovsky, the defense minister. Sometime in April 1962, about six months before the crisis, he had begun to think about putting offensive missile systems into Cuba, and a month later held a meeting of his senior ministers to discuss the idea — although Andrei Gromyko, the foreign minister, had the feeling, the authors say, that "Khrushchev was merely consulting them about a decision to which he was already firmly committed."

On the following day, Khrushchev was giving his defense council the strategic spin: "In addition to protecting Cuba, our missiles would have equalized what the West likes to call 'the balance of power,'" he said. "The Americans have surrounded our country with military bases and threatened us with nuclear weapons, and now they will learn just what it feels like to have enemy missiles pointing at you."

Elsewhere, Khrushchev stressed that President John F. Kennedy had to be



LBJ (foreground) and JFK confer in the Oval Office. (Natalie Magnus)

presented with a *fait accompli*, which meant executing the bold deed in immaculate secrecy. Yet the missiles couldn't be hidden from American U-2 aircraft that were then conducting surveillance flights over Cuba. Over the outspoken advice of some military officers, Fursenko and Naftali say, Khrushchev and Malinovsky "clung to the thesis that US intelligence would not detect the missiles until it was too late to do anything about them."

To learn, moreover, that Soviet intelligence resembled the gang that couldn't shoot straight is sobering indeed, given the stakes. The book cites an American informant — described by Soviet intelligence as "a well-placed source in the US national security bureaucracy" — as reporting that "the huge Soviet nuclear tests in the fall of 1961 had deterred the United States from proceeding with plans to launch a preemptive nuclear strike on the Soviet Union." This, the authors say, probably "strengthened Khrushchev's tendency to believe that nuclear weapons were the only language that the United States understood." But the report makes no sense, as the authors should have said. Any incentive Washington might have had to launch such an attack would have been strengthened, not weakened, by tests aimed at improving Soviet missile systems.

Some of the KGB's stumbles, which now have a farcical look, may have complicated the crisis (or in one or two cases may have indirectly helped to settle it). An especially choice gaffe involved Warren Rogers, a reporter at the time for *The New York Herald Tribune*. He and the paper's Washington bureau chief, Robert Donovan, were discussing the situation over a late-night drink at the National Press Club. The bartender, a Russian émigré named Johnny Prokov, thought he overheard them say that Donovan would fly south that very night "to cover the operation to capture Cuba, which is expected to start the next day." The bartender passed this information on to a KGB agent, who rushed to the Soviet Embassy to report Kennedy's decision to start a war.

At the crack of dawn the next morning, an embassy officer named Boris, who had previously used Rogers, intercepted him in a parking lot. Asked by Boris what he thought of the situation, Rogers said it was "extremely grim." And does Kennedy mean what he says? Boris continued, "You're damn right, he does," Rogers recalled saying. "He will do what he says he will do." Rogers, the authors write, had unwittingly become "the KGB's best indicator of Kennedy's intentions... the star of Khrushchev's intelligence folder."

The book has flaws. NATO sources



Nikita Khrushchev (above), a frustrated high-roller, and Fidel Castro. (Camera Press, Press International Ltd.)



are described as telling the KGB that "Turkey was one of a number of NATO countries that would eventually be receiving US Polaris submarines." Washington never provided Polaris submarines to Turkey or any other country, and never intended to. The source for this statement may have been KGB files, but the authors should have known better than to take it at face value.

Fursenko and Naftali treat superficially the most haunting question of the crisis: Did Khrushchev give his command on the scene, Gen. Issa Pliyev, discretionary authority to use short-range nuclear missiles against an American invasion force? The question first arose five years ago when Gen. Anatoly I. Gribkov, an unreconstructed hard-liner, put it about that Khrushchev had delegated this authority to Pliyev. Unfortunately, his remarkable assertion gained wide acceptance, although a few people did argue vigorously that Khrushchev would never have been so reckless as to allow some subordinate to start a nuclear war.

The book drifts back and forth on this issue, at one point noting that an order giving Pliyev the authority was never approved. Then, in describing the last stage of the crisis, Fursenko and Naftali report that the Presidium was ready to give him the authority.

What isn't cited is Gribkov's turnabout. In a book he wrote with William Y. Smith, an American general who was also involved in the crisis, a cable from Malinovsky, dated October 27, is quoted and makes it clear that none of the nuclear-capable systems in Cuba, including the short-range missiles, could be used "without authorization from Moscow."

It is important to have this question of pre-authorization disposed of. The missile crisis should be remembered for what it was: an act of breathtaking folly by one side followed by largely sensible and restrained behavior by both sides. Later, there was talk of crisis management. But something else — chance, good luck — was also involved. Not even the exercise of restraint and sensible behavior can be relied on to "manage" a crisis once it is under way and leadership is struggling to keep control.

(New York Times)

# Conviction and sacrifice

By Lynn Poritz

FROM FALASHA TO FREEDOM: An Ethiopian Jew's Journey to Jerusalem by Shmuel Yilma. Jerusalem, Gefen Publishing House. 112 pp. NIS 40.

At Shmuel Yilma's Pesach seder, after the story of liberation is told, he gives a far more personal recounting of a journey to Israel that began, when he was 11 years old, with his exodus from Ethiopia.

Cut off from their roots for 2,000 years, thousands of Ethiopian Jews defied death in the form of contending military forces, marauding bands of thieves, wild animals, and the scorching sun and desert, in order to get to Israel.

Shmuel's book is dedicated to those Ethiopian Jews "who never reached the Promised Land." His story begins in 1980 in the small Jewish farming village of Adi-Worewa, where his family lived in a straw house on the banks of the Tabeze River.

The villagers' animals grazed in the nearby fields, and their children splashed in the stream and walked five kilometers to an ORT school, which had been set up by Shmuel's uncle Ferekeh. But it was hardly a peaceful, pastoral environment. The village was also a battleground between the Communist Dergi Mengistu regime and the Tigre Patriotic Liberation Front. Battered corpses in the valley attested to the brutality.

Upon threat of death by the TPLF forces, Ferekeh escaped to the Sudan, where he prepared to lead his Jewish brethren to Israel. That journey began for Shmuel and 15 members of his family one night when they just walked away from their ancestral village, telling no one of their destination. Thus began a 500-kilometer, grueling journey, walking at night and sleeping during the day when the sun was at its most ferocious. They hid out in forests from bandits, soldiers, and government informers. Feeding hyenas seemed intent on ripping them and their beasts of burden to pieces.

Steep slopes made camping almost impossible and a donkey and a horse fell to their deaths, but the group trudged on. One day they walked for 22 hours nonstop, while the desert became more inferno-like with each step they took. On a particularly dry stretch of the Khmora-Gondar road, a confused guide claimed a lake was nearby, but the thirsty travelers found only a dried riverbed moistened with monkey urine. Butter was fed to almost dehydrated children, who began imagining a deluge. Just as their lives seemed close to extinction, they were directed by Sudanese traders to the Sherif Kamad Wadi, three hours away. At the wadi, the almost desiccated wanderers dug deep and finally drew out water.

Their lives were saved again by a Sudanese Muslim beekeeper, who warned them of

Dergi patrols at the frontier and guided them away from a truckload of soldiers. Following the course of the Nile, known locally as Behar Salam (The Sea of Peace), and the frontier of Sudan and Ethiopia, the group survived an onslaught of raging wind and rain and wild charging animals. Bandits appeared, but decided the bedraggled group was too poor to bother with.

There was more trouble for them in Sudan — sickness from polluted water, hiding in sacks and being stacked like bags of potatoes onto a truck bound for Gedaref so as to avoid Sudanese locals intent on turning them over to the Ethiopians. Their desperation is evoked in Shmuel's words: "We suffered more on that truck journey than on the whole journey on foot."

From Gedaref to Khartoum, the affliction was mainly psychological, with ubiquitous police arousing the fear of a return to Ethiopia. But the group persevered. They changed names and clothes and were flown from Khartoum to Athens. Upon escaping Sudan, Shmuel's father asked: "Who can stand against the Will of He who sits in the Heavens?"

Sadly, in the "Promised Land," absorption has been less than perfect, with comparative poverty and the forced ritual conversion of people who risked their lives for their ancient beliefs. They have also had to contend with obnoxious paternalism, and the collective insult of blood banks throwing away donated Ethiopian blood because of fear of HIV contamination. On top of it all there has been confusion and intolerance. Shmuel's family were sent to trailer homes in Ofakim, where he was offered a kippa. "Since when am I a Moslem?" he asked indignantly.

But Shmuel's story is basically one of success. "Falasha" is defined as a stranger, a landless one. He is neither. He defines himself as the second Ethiopian to be an officer and win the Commander-in-Chief's Prize. He is now deputy director of the Association for the Advancement of Ethiopian Immigrants.

A particularly poignant section was written by Zenevch G'day, who also arrived here on Operation Moses: "I felt that I was walking into a void and would never see my mother and father again. But the hope of actually standing on the soil of the Land of Zion and Jerusalem gave us the strength and the will to bear all that." His parents reached Israel in 1981 after a year-and-a-half in Sudan, where they had buried his nine-year-old sister, who "died from hunger and disease."

Sadly, while this story of Jewish faith is powerful, dramatic and inspirational, the translation and editing are terrible. A story of the return of a people from exile, the culmination of a 2,000-year-old dream, a journey of struggle and liberation, deserves a translation and editing job that matches the conviction and sacrifice that went into this exodus. This is not it.

## STEIMATZKY'S BESTSELLING PAPERBACKS

1. *Panther in the Basement* by Arnos Oz. Vintage.
2. *Blue Mountain* by Meir Shalev. Steimatzky.
3. *Servant of the Bones* by Anne Rice. Arrow, Ballantine.
4. *Sotah* by Naomi Ragen. Harper.
5. *Sharing the Promised Land* by Dlip Hilo. Coronet.
6. *Cause of Death* by Patricia Cornwell. Berkley, Warner.
7. *Falconer* by Elaine C. McCarthy. Arrow.
8. *Icon* by Frederick Forsyth. Bantam, Cori.
9. *Fourth Estate* by Jeffrey Archer. HarperCollins.
10. *Perfect Family* by Penny Jordan. Mills & Boon.

## BOOK BYTES

**T**ime magazine once sent a photographer all the way to Mexico to get a shot of novelist Thomas Pynchon, who had temporarily gone south of the border to avoid unwanted publicity. Pynchon got wind of the bounty-hunting shutterbug, and hopped a bus headed for the hills to escape. Thus, his 1955 Navy mug shot stood as only available photograph of the author. To say that Pynchon abhors notoriety is to put it mildly. But with the April publication of 773 pages of *Mason & Dixon* (Holt), his fifth novel (reviewed here on May 29), the hunt was on again. An intrepid Pynchon groupie, James Bone, writing for the *London Times*, managed to track down the elusive cult figure through an old *Playboy* magazine article entitled "Who Is Thomas Pynchon and Why Did He Take Off with My Wife?" by Pynchon's best friend at college, Jules Siegel. Eventually, Bone's detective work uncovered Pynchon living in New York. The author is married (to his agent) and has a young son; Bone figured Pynchon was likely to pick up his boy after school. He loitered outside the novelist's apartment building with a cheap compact camera in his pocket. Luck was with him.

"I stepped boldly forward," writes Bone, "[and] aimed. Pynchon tried to brazen it out, feigning disregard, hoping that I was just another tourist. I clicked. That single click of my plastic camera trapped the first known image of Pynchon's face for more than 40 years." Pynchon bellowed his reaction, "Get... away from me. I don't like people taking my picture."

A DIFFERENT kind of a shaggy dog story. Imagine a new breed of monster dog. In the New York of 2009. Standing upright, talking,

and highly sensitive, the canines are the last of a line, the product of an experiment by a psychotic German scientist. Dressed like Prussian soldiers, they are freaks that become celebrities and, of course, like Frankenstein, are doomed to destruction. The human element in the piece is Cleo, a 21-year-old student.

*Lives of the Monster Dogs* (Sceptre) is a first novel by Kirsten Bakis and, despite its flop-eared-sounding story line, the book has received high critical acclaim in the US. The prose is described as "Victorian."

Bakis first came into contact with a variety of hounds 10 years ago as a dog-walker in New York. Like her heroine, she was a money-strapped student at the time. While walking and thinking, Bakis concluded: "It's tragic how dogs become involved with people, yet never participate in that world." In 1992 she was "discovered" while doing a creative writing MA in Iowa under the tutelage of Nobel laureate Saul Bellow, among others. On the strength of 50 pages, she won a publishing contract.

In case any dog lovers are wondering, Bakis has no doubts: "Oh yes, dogs definitely have a soul."

THE FRENCH have dubbed it "pharaoh fever." Christian Jacq's fictionalized five-volume series on Ramses II has remained on the bestseller lists for over a year, and sold 2.5 million copies. France's *Le Figaro* newspaper hailed Jacq's success as "unprecedented in the world of books."

Simon & Schuster have now translated two volumes, *The Son of the Light* and *The Temple of a Million Years*, into English. And 20th Century Fox and Paramount are reportedly "locked in a titanic battle" over the film rights.

David Brauner

## The New York Times BESTSELLERS

### HARDCOVER Fiction

1. *Unnatural Exposure* by Patricia Cornwell. (Putnam \$25.95.) Dr. Kay Scarpetta contends with a killer who uses a smallpox-like virus and cyberspace tricks.
2. *Cold Mountain* by Charles Frazier. (Atlantic Monthly \$24.) A wounded Confederate soldier journeys home toward the end of the Civil War to meet an old love.
3. *Special Delivery* by Danielle Steel. (Delacorte \$16.95.) Romance comes to a mature couple.
4. *Plum Island* by Nelson DeMille. (Warner \$25.) A detective probes the murder of a Long Island couple who may have been involved in germ warfare research.
5. *The Notebook* by Nicholas Sparks. (Warner \$16.95.) A World War II veteran meets an old flame who is about to be married.
6. *If This World Were Mine* by E. Lynn Harris. (Doubleday \$23.95.) The seemingly close bonds of four old classmates are strained when a stranger enters their lives.
7. *The Partner* by John Grisham. (Doubleday \$25.95.) The search for \$50 million stolen by a lawyer, believed dead, who is in hiding.
8. *London* by Edward Rutherfurd. (Crown \$25.95.) Two thousand years of life in Britain's capital as seen by six families.
9. *Up Island* by Anne Rivers Siddons. (HarperCollins \$24.) An Atlanta woman, after a bad marriage and her mother's death, seeks a new life.
10. *The God of Small Things* by Arundhati Roy. (Random House \$23.) Death and secrets haunt a once-prosperous merchant family in contemporary India.

### HARDCOVER Non-fiction

1. *Angela's Ashes* by Frank McCourt. (Scribner \$24.) An Irish-American recalls his childhood amid the miseries of Limerick.
2. *The Perfect Storm* by Sebastian Junger. (Norton \$23.95.) An account of the nor'easter of 1991, focusing on fishermen from Gloucester, Mass.
3. *Into Thin Air* by Jon Krakauer. (Villard \$24.95.) An account of the ascent of Mount Everest in 1996, the deadliest season in history.
4. *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* by John Berendt. (Random House \$23.) The mysterious death of a young man in Savannah, Ga.
5. *The Bible Code* by Michael Drosnin. (Simon & Schuster \$25.) Hidden predictions in the Bible.
6. *Conversations with God: Book 1* by Neale Donald Walsch. (Putnam \$19.95.) The author addresses questions of life and love, good and evil, guilt and sin.
7. *The Millionaire Next Door* by Thomas J. Stanley and William D. Danko. (Longstreet \$22.) An analysis of the lives of wealthy Americans discloses that they have fewer characteristics in common.
8. *Brain Droppings* by George Carlin. (Hyperion \$19.95.) Comments by the stand-up comedian.
9. *Conversations with God: Book 2* by Neale Donald Walsch. (Hampton Roads, \$19.95.) More discussions of moral questions.
10. *The Gift of Fear* by Gavin de Becker. (Little, Brown \$22.95.) Intuitive signals can protect us from becoming the victims of violence.

### PAPERBACK Fiction

1. *Executive Orders* by Tom Clancy. (Bantam \$7.50.) Vice President Jack Ryan has problems after the deaths of the president and most of the government.
2. *The Third Twin* by Ken Follet. (Fawcett \$7.99.) A genetic researcher's work brings frightening experiences.
3. *Contact* by Carl Sagan. (Pocket \$6.99.) Scientists receive a signal from intelligent life beyond Earth.
4. *Desperation* by Stephen King. (Signet \$7.99.) Visitors to a small mining town in Nevada encounter terrifying forces.
5. *The Laws of Our Fathers* by Scott Turow. (Warner \$7.99.) The trial of a probation officer for his mother's murder recalls the turbulent 1960s.
6. *Songs in Ordinary Time* by Mary McGarry Morris. (Penguin \$13.95.) A divorced woman and her three children are menaced by a con man.
7. *The Deep End of the Ocean* by Jacquelyn Mitchard. (Signet \$7.50.) The disappearance of a three-year-old brings a family anguish and redemption.
8. *The Clayborne Brides* Parts 1-2 by Julie Garwood. (Pocket \$2.99 each.) "One Pink Rose" and "One White Rose" relate 19th-century romantic adventures.
9. *Finding the Dream* by Nora Roberts. (Jove \$6.99.) A woman vacationing in Montana becomes the target of a stalker.

### PAPERBACK Non-fiction

1. *The Sea Hunters* by Clive Cussler and Craig Dirigo. (Pocket \$7.99.) Searches for shipwrecks.
2. *Undaunted Courage* by Stephen E. Ambrose. (Touchstone/\$8.5 \$16.) The story of how Thomas Jefferson sponsored Lewis and Clark.
3. *Into the Wild* by Jon Krakauer. (Anchor/Doubleday \$12.95.) A young man obsessed by the wilderness has a tragic end in Alaska.
4. *A Civil Action* by Jonathan Harr. (Vintage \$13.) Householders sue industrial polluters.
5. *The Color of Water* by James McBride. (Riverhead \$12.) A black writer and musician recalls his experiences growing up with his white mother in Brooklyn.
6. *Emotional Intelligence* by Daniel Goleman. (Bantam \$13.95.) Factors other than IQ that contribute to a successful and happy life.
7. *Reviving Ophelia* by Mary Pipher. (Ballantine \$12.50.) The everyday dangers that beset teenage girls.
8. *Girlfriends* by Carmen Renee Berry and Tamara Traeder. (Wildcat Canyon \$12.95.) Ties that bind women.
9. *The Heart of a Woman* by Maya Angelou. (Bantam \$12.) Volume 4 of the poet's autobiography.
10. *Spontaneous Healing* by Andrew Weil. (Fawcett \$12.95.) How the body heals itself.

### PAPERBACK Miscellaneous

1. *Don't Sweat the Small Stuff... and It's All Small Stuff* by Richard Carlson. (Hyperion \$8.95.) How to enjoy life much more and contribute to the world we live in.
2. *Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul* compiled by Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen and Kimberly Kirberger. (Health Communications \$12.95.) Inspiration.
3. *Dr. Atkins' New Diet Revolution* by Robert C. Atkins. (Avon \$8.50.) Ways to lose weight and achieve a healthy body.
4. *Chicken Soup for the Woman's Soul* compiled by Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen, Jennifer Read Hawthorne, and Marci Shimoff. (Health Communications \$12.95.) Inspiration.

### HARDCOVER Miscellaneous

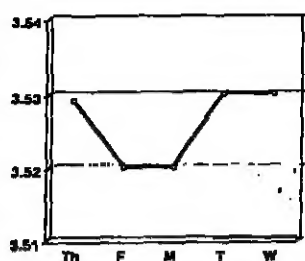
1. *Miracle Cures* by Jean Carper. (HarperCollins \$25.) The "healing powers" of herbs, vitamins and other natural remedies.
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3. *Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus* by John Gray. (HarperCollins \$25.) Improving communication and relationships.
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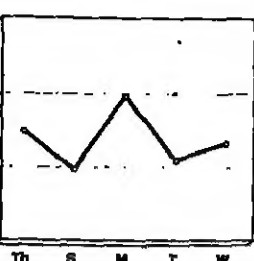
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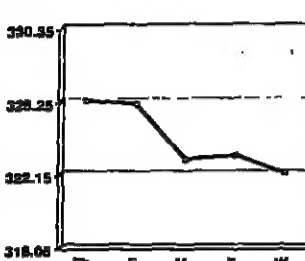


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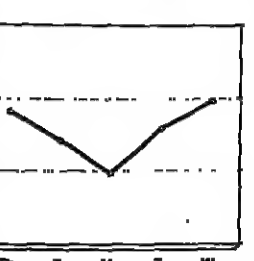
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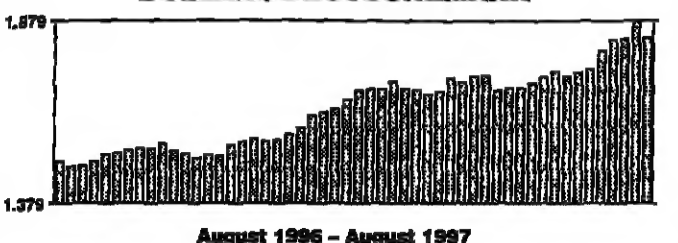


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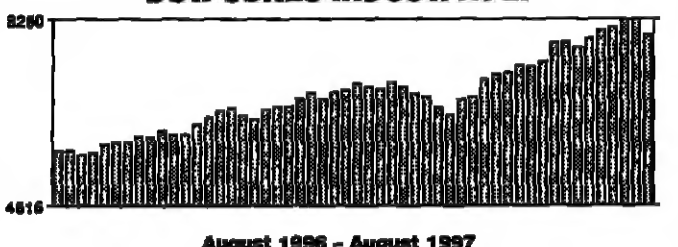
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### DOLLAR / DEUTSCHEMARK



### DOW JONES INDUST. AVG.



### Polgat enters real estate business

Polgat yesterday announced plans to broaden its base of activity by entering the real estate sector. The textile and fashion company plans to build a 14,500 meter business center in Kiryat Gat and is currently making contacts with potential partners who would participate in operating the center.

Polgat, a subsidiary of Clal Industries, recently reported second-quarter net income of NIS 5.05 million, compared to NIS 3.96m. in the same period last year. Revenues for the quarter totaled NIS 314.46, up slightly from NIS 314.37m. in the corresponding quarter one year ago.

Jennifer Friedlin

### Trade and services' revenue growth up 1%

The rate of growth in revenue from trade and services slowed to 11 percent in the second quarter of 1997, compared to 31% in the first quarter of the year, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported yesterday. The growth rate dropped from 2.3% per month on average in the first three months of the year to 1% per month.

In the food and hospitality sector, growth in revenues between the first and second quarters of 1997 dropped from 28% to 10%; in the retail sector, growth fell from 24% to 6%; and in wholesale growth, revenues dropped to 11% in the second quarter of 1997.

Jennifer Friedlin

### CORRECTION

Doron Tamir, director of the works committee of the Manufacturers Association, will participate in the delegation accompanying Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu on his trip to Japan. The delegation is scheduled to leave on Saturday night.

### MUTUAL FUND FOR FOREIGN RESIDENTS

Date: 19.8.97  
Purchase Price: 130.24  
Redemption Price: 128.35

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### PRIME MUTUAL FUND FOR FOREIGN RESIDENTS

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### BEZEQ, The Israel Telecommunications Corp. Ltd.

Bids are invited for the supply of the following goods:  
Tender No. 17/97/5080  
REMOTE FIBER TEST MONITORING SYSTEM  
Last date for submitting bids: October 7, 1997  
Cost of tender documents: NIS1000  
Queries should be addressed to: 02-539-5616/429

The following general conditions apply:

- Pre-conditions:
  - Parties submitting bids must comply with all laws, including the requirement to keep account books, be an authorized trader, hold valid licenses to trade, and comply with all relevant standard specifications.
  - Willingness to provide a guarantee, as explained in the tender documents.
  - Additional minimum conditions are given in the tender documents.
  - The tender documents are available in Hebrew only.
- The tender documents can be obtained from the Tenders and Ordering Department, 15 Rehov Hazevi, Jerusalem, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, Sunday to Thursday.  
The tender documents will be provided on submitting a receipt of payment of the above sum.
- In Israel, payment should be made into Bezeq's Postal Bank account no. 5-311757.  
Overseas suppliers should make payment into Bezeq's account no. 12-901-97633/64, at the Jerusalem main branch of Bank Leumi LeIsrael.
- The payment for the tender documents is not refundable.  
The receipt, with details of your company, and authorized trader's number may be faxed to 972-2-5378113. Please phone afterwards (972-2-5395616/429) to obtain confirmation of receipt of the fax.
- Bids should be placed in the tenders box at 15 Rehov Hazevi, Jerusalem.
- No undertaking is given to accept the lowest or any bid, or to order the entire work from one source.
- Bids sent by fax or telegram will not be considered.

## Cellcom profit up 13-fold

Globe News Service

Cellcom's net profits skyrocketed to NIS 172 million in the first half of 1997, 13 times higher than the corresponding period one year ago.

Net profits for the second quarter soared to NIS 83m., 18 times greater than in the same period one year ago.

Cellcom's revenues from sales and services rose in the first half year to more than NIS 1 billion, 2.3 times greater than the first six months of 1996.

Second-quarter revenues jumped to NIS 538m., more than double second-quarter figures last year.

The management of Discount Investments, a partner in Cellcom, said the company doubled its subscription list in the past year.

For the first time, Discount Investments' reports included Iscar's quarterly results.

Discount Investments recently won a court case forcing the Wertheimers to open Iscar's books. Last month, Iscar, one of Israel's most profitable privately held companies, repurchased Discount's minority holding in the company.

In the first six months of the year, Iscar recorded a 12.5% drop in net profits to NIS 133.7m. In the second quarter, net income totaled NIS 46.5m., down 21% from the corresponding period one year ago.

Iscar's equity amounted to NIS 134m., a rise of 17% compared to 1996. In contrast to 1996, Iscar did not pay a dividend in the first six months of 1997.

The profits of cable concessionaire Tevel Israel International Communications Ltd. rose 16.3% in the first half of the year to NIS 29.2m. In the second quarter, profits were down 13% to NIS 3.7m. Subscription fee revenues rose 10% to NIS 157m., while installation expenses were down 22% to NIS 1.9m.

Discount has a 48.5% stake in Tevel, which provides cable service in the Tel Aviv, Givatayim, Nazareth, Jezreel Valley, Ashdod and Ashkelon areas.

## Clal: New fund reflects new high tech strategy

By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

Clal Electronics Industries' decision to establish a \$60 million venture capital fund reflects its desire to become a leading investor in cutting-edge technologies, a spokesman said yesterday.

"Now Clal has decided that it must be involved in the early stage of seeking new niche markets in the high-tech sector," the spokesman said.

Clal Electronics will invest \$15m. in the new fund and Clal Industries will put in \$10m.

Clal Electronics Industries and its partner, Clal Industries, a hold-

ing company with investments in the telecommunications, electronics, and computer fields, are now seeking investors to contribute to the fund.

"The goal of the fund is to locate investment opportunities that will create a basis for continued investments for Clal Industries and Clal Electronics," said the spokesman. "By starting at the venture capital level, the companies can arrive at bigger sums by spinning off the start-ups purchasing their technologies."

In addition to its own venture capital fund, Clal Electronics also recently announced its decision to

invest approximately \$3m. in a number of other venture capital funds. Clal Industries plans to invest \$6m. in other funds, including the Evergreen Fund and in the Materials and Energy Fund, which focuses on the metals industry.

In addition, Clal Industries recently announced the purchase of a 25% stake in Ormat Industries for NIS 88m. and the acquisition of a 10% holding in Shamir Security Investments for NIS 18m. Clal has an option to purchase another 5% of Shamir.

Ormat is a Yavne-based alternative energy systems manufacturer and exporter. Shamir controls

Insurance Security and has a 21.56% stake in Wizcom.

Clal Israel, the parent company of Clal Industries and Clal Electronics, is one of Israel's leading business conglomerates. The company's 1995 aggregate turnover exceeded \$5b.

The parent company's philosophy focuses on diversifying the group's investments, while strengthening its expertise.

In addition to the high-tech field, the group has interests in the construction and development, trading, capital markets, insurance, textiles, tourism, health, and leisure fields.



A UPS driver heads out for a delivery now that the Teamsters' strike is over.

(AP)

## UPS faces new threat from pilots

By HOWARD S. ABRAMSON

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) — United Parcel Service of America, having settled a crippling 15-day strike with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, faces a contract fight with the 2,000 pilots who fly the company's planes.

UPS' negotiations with the Independent Pilots Association were suspended in June when a federal mediator decided the world's biggest package delivery company and the union were too far apart on wages and benefits. Now that UPS settled the Teamsters' strike — giving in to most of the union's demands — the pilots want to go back to the bargaining table. Talks are expected to begin next month and the pilots are confident UPS will give in, rather than face another walkout.

"We're anxious to get our negotiations going again," said Robert Miller, president of the pilots union. "I don't feel UPS wants another strike. So I believe it should be eas-

ier for us" to negotiate a new contract.

"We are ready" to resume talks, UPS Chairman James Kelly said at a press conference yesterday.

The pilots supported the Teamsters during the strike, refusing to cross pickets. Teamster President Ron Carey has vowed to return the favor should the pilots walk out.

"I've totally committed the resources of this union to make sure they [the pilots] get a comprehensive settlement," Carey said at a press conference yesterday.

The pilots are covered by the Railway Labor Act that governs the railroad and aviation industries. The law makes it difficult for strikes to occur, encouraging compromises between unions and their employers. In recent years, presidents have been more willing to order strikers back to their jobs under the Railway Labor Act than under the Taft-Hartley Act, which governs most industries.

The last two US railroad strikes have lasted two days or less before the White House

intervened. President Bill Clinton rejected calls from UPS and other business interests to intervene in the Teamster strike, saying that the disruption didn't meet the threshold set in Taft-Hartley, namely a national emergency.

While UPS moves about 80 percent of the domestic ground parcels in the US, it is second to Federal Express Corp. in the air express package delivery market. UPS has been focusing on the air business, much of which is international, in recent years, going head-to-head with FedEx. UPS said it moved an average of 1.6 million parcels a day by air and 10.4 million by ground in 1996.

Miller said the union wants pilot salaries to reach the industry average. He said UPS' pilots make 25% less than FedEx's, and 30% less than the industry average.

UPS began its air operations in 1988 and the pilots were originally members of the Teamsters, Miller said. In 1990 they formed the IPA and left the Teamsters.

## France launches youth employment program

By CHRISTOPHER NOBLE

PARIS (Reuters) — France's Socialist-led government launched an ambitious plan yesterday to create 350,000 jobs for young people over the next three years, making good on a campaign pledge that helped it wrest power from the conservatives.

The government also reaffirmed its commitment to cut its deficit to 3 percent of gross domestic product next year to qualify for a planned European single currency in 1999.

The cabinet approved a draft bill for the costly jobs plan at its first meeting after the August holiday, kicking off the new year of government with a show of determination to combat crippling unemployment.

One person in eight in the active population is out of work, and a quarter of people aged under 25 are jobless, government statistics show.

The Socialists promised during their election campaign last May to create 700,000 new jobs evenly split between the public and the private sectors in the next five years.

Conservative President Jacques Chirac, locked into an uneasy power sharing arrangement with Socialist

Prime Minister Lionel Jospin, supported the plan, but warned the government against further enlarging the vast public sector.

"Putting this measure in place shouldn't lead to the creation of a massive body of permanent public-sector jobs," Chirac said in a statement.

The government avoided a showdown with Chirac, who is pledged to guarantee the efficiency of the

armed forces, by playing down cuts in the defense budget to curb the public deficit.

Economy Minister Dominique Strauss-Kahn said the 1998 defense allocation would be at about the same level as actual arms expenditure in past years.

Government officials have said cuts could delay some arms procurement programs, including the Rafale combat plane.

### ISRAEL ELECTRIC CORPORATION Tender 9/114 (RFP): Mifneh System - Computerizing Personnel Department of the Corporation Stage 1 - Request for Technical Details without Prices

### POSTPONEMENT OF BID SUBMISSION DATE

In the documents for the above tender, the last date for submitting bids is given as September 10, 1997. This date is changed to September 28, 1997, at 1:00 p.m. There are no changes in any other part of the tender.

## Yishai rejects Ukrainian plea to admit workers

By Jerusalem Post Staff  
and news agencies

Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai yesterday rejected the Ukrainian government's request that Israel grant hundreds of Ukrainian building workers permits to work here.

During a two-day visit to Kiev and Uman, Yishai met with the Ukrainian labor minister and representatives from the republic's building industry.

Despite promises by the officials that they would guarantee the return of all the foreign workers upon completion of the projects, Yishai adamantly refused to grant them permits.

"My position is decided," he told the officials. "In accordance with government policy, I will not permit more foreign workers to come to Israel."

The current government has adopted the recommendations of an expert team, filed during the previous government's term, that the inflow of foreign workers be stemmed.

The new policy aims to reverse the trend which developed during the 1990's, whereby jobs which had been performed by Palestinians were gradually assumed by foreign workers from dozens of countries, particularly in the farming and construction sectors.

Until the late 1980s some 150,000 Palestinians used to work daily in Israel. Since then at least 200,000 foreign workers are estimated to have arrived in Israel. The demand for the foreign workers arose following nationalist violence, which generated a reluctance to hire Palestinians, and recurring closures, which made their availability uncertain.

During the visit, Yishai also met with other Ukrainian ministers, heads of the Jewish communities and Jews living in Uman. Three hundred of the 1,000 Jewish residents of Uman are in need of financial help.

In Kiev, Yishai visited Jewish welfare organizations that care for the elderly, promising an 87-year-old resident assistance should she decide to fulfill her lifelong dream of moving to Israel.

Yishai also met with his Ukrainian counterparts and with his deputy, with whom he exchanged opinions regarding how each country approaches family violence and care of the elderly, children in danger and drug addicts. The officials agreed to continue discussing the issues in the future.

Yishai's entourage also visited Babi Yar, where 33,000 Jews were killed by the Nazis in 1943. While there, Yishai met by coincidence a Jewish man who survived the Babi Yar attack by escaping into a sewage pipe. Yishai invited the man to Israel as his guest.

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# ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

## Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (11.9.96)

Currency (deposit for)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar (\$250,000)	4.750	5.000	5.375
Pound sterling (£100,000)	3.875	4.000	4.250
German mark (DM 200,000)	1.825	1.825	2.125
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	0.825	0.750	1.000
Yen (10 million yen)			1.200

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

## Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates\* (20.8.97)

CHECKS AND TRANSFERS		BANKNOTES		Rep.
Buy	Sell	Buy	Sell	Rates**
Currency basket	3.7334	3.7837		3.7617
U.S. dollar	3.5862	3.5848	3.44	3.5240
German mark	1.8940	1.8248	1.86	1.8091
Pound sterling	5.5965	5.5858	5.30	5.77
French franc	0.5222	0.5713	0.55	0.58
Japanese yen (100)	2.5716	3.0198	2.82	3.0011
Dutch florin	1.8920	1.7032	1.85	1.74
Swiss franc	2.2685	2.3058	2.25	2.37
Swedish krona	0.4351	0.4422	0.42	0.45
Norwegian krona	0.4873	0.4825	0.44	0.47
Denish krone	0.6339	0.5084	0.48	0.52
Finnish mark	2.5189	2.5575	0.62	0.68
Canadian dollar	2.8116	2.7380	2.64	2.50
Australian dollar	0.7486	0.7486	0.68	0.68
S. African rand	0.5189	0.7587	0.67	0.76
Belgian franc (10)	2.6915	2.6915	0.90	0.95
Austrian schilling (10)	1.9422	1.9738	1.80	2.78
Italian lira (1000)	4.9381	5.0280	4.58	5.22
Jordanian dinar	1.0000	1.0000	1.00	1.00
Egyptian pound	3.7294	3.7386		
ECU	0.5076	5.1484	4.98	5.23
Irish punt	2.2422	2.2784	2.20	2.32
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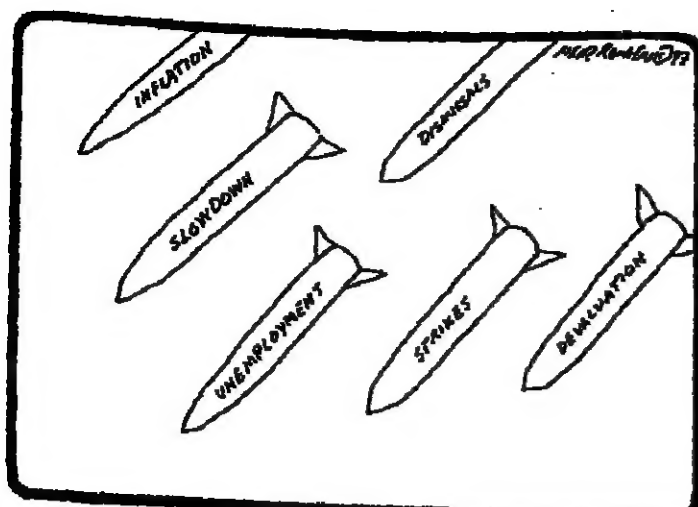
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## AT THE AUCTIONS WITH MEIR RONNEN

### The Windsor wardrobe

A staggering 3,200 lots comprising 44,000 objects from the Paris home (property of Mohamed Fayed of Harrod's) of the late Duke and Duchess of Windsor will be sold by Sotheby's New York between September 11 and September 19. Some 200 lots were on view at Sotheby's London last week, and all the lots will be displayed in New York from September 5. Among the items is a George III mahogany library table circa 1755, accompanied by a brass plaque inscribed: On this table King Edward VIII signed the Instrument of Abdication 10:30 a.m. on December 10th, 1936. This lot is expected to go for \$30,000-\$50,000.

The funniest item of all is a Cecil Beaton photograph of Edward and Wallis Simpson taken at the Chateau de Candé in 1937, one of several Beaton silver prints from the Windsors' wedding album, which is being offered for between \$8,000 and \$12,000. Beaton's perfect example of sycophantic society portraiture of the period was so retouched on the negative as to make the couple look like teenagers, with a tiny wrinkle on their angelic faces. Part of the background (a draped quilt) has also been blocked out to provide a glow around the Duke.

More realistic profile portraits by Dorothy Wilding (1943, \$300-\$500) and Hugh Cecil (1934, \$300-\$500) are more convincing, though the Cecil print is deliberately out of focus. A forced-pose print of the romantic pair by Wilding is so heavily retouched, the Duke, with a prominent chin he did not possess, is almost unrecognizable (1943, \$150-\$300).

On the other hand, a Man Ray society print of Wallis Simpson in Paris, 1936, has a healthy estimate of \$4,000-\$6,000; manipulated to make her look taller, it was published in *Harper's Bazaar* the same year. The slick evening gown and hair was Simpson's trademark. Her hair was so slick, in fact, that Beaton once noted that "even a fly would slip off it." The woman for whom Edward gave up the throne was anything but beautiful, despite a remarkable resemblance, at times, to my mother.

Edward himself had a weak, sullen face and often execrable taste in clothes. He loved sporting checks loud enough to have shocked even Evelyn Waugh; and affected garish kilts and vulgar tartan knee socks. All his vast wardrobe, including starched shirts and ties, are on offer. A rather snappy single-breasted summer suit by Emilio Lupori, 1949, has a modest estimate of \$700-\$1,000. Edward, noted for his meanness, spent more on his personal appearance than any other monarch since George IV. His jackets were made in London, but he had most of his sporting pants tailored in New York.

Among the lots are a presentation copy of the Royal Warrant of George VI creating the former King Edward, the Duke of Windsor, the ceremonial sword of the Prince of Wales, made in 1911

for the Prince's 17th birthday and used at his investiture at Carnarvon Castle and an equestrian portrait by Sir Alfred Munnings, 1921 (\$600,000-\$800,000, one of the top lots). The 1939 Gerald Leslie Brockhurst oil of the Duchess has an estimate of \$70,000-\$90,000. Who would want it? Bidding should be brisk however for a little landscape by Degas (\$60,000-\$80,000). The two-volume catalog (1,200 pages, 2,000 illustrations, costs over NIS 500) posted to Israel. Sotheby's website is <http://www.sothebys.com>

SOTHEBY'S NEW YORK sold coins and medals for nearly \$2 million at an auction last month. One of the curiosities was a gold medal presented by survivors of the Titanic to the Fifth Officer of the Cunard liner RMS Carpathia, the ship that rescued them. Dated 1912, the medal more than doubled its estimate to go for \$55,000.

In April 1912, within 24 hours of being picked up by the Carpathia, a committee of First and Second Class passengers among the 705 survivors amassed a fund to provide relief for destitute steerage passengers and to have a loving cup made for Carpathia's captain, as well as medals for officers and crew. These were presented six weeks later at a ceremony on board the Carpathia.

The gold medal sold now was presented to Fifth Officer Gustav J. Rath, a Hungarian officer serving as liaison between Cunard and emigrants from Hungary, as well as a crew of Austro-Hungarian origin, who made up nearly half the ship's complement. Cunard had a monopoly on Hungarian emigration.

TWO BEAUTIFUL woodblock prints by Suzuki Harunobu, circa 1735-1785, both depicting girls reading love letters, will be offered at Sotheby's New York sale of Japanese art on September 25. One is a pillar print (\$15,000-\$20,000) while the other carries the same estimate. Also featured is a painted earthenware jar with monkeys and fishing boats, by Yabū Meizan (1853-1934), with an estimate of \$60,000-\$80,000.

PHILLIPS OF New York is conducting a sale of Judaica, Hebrew books and works of art September 10. The lots can be viewed at 406 East 79th between September 4 and 10. One of the rare lots is El Lissitzky's "Sichas Chulin" scroll, Moscow, 1917, with avant garde decoration (only one of five extant), with an estimate of \$50,000-\$70,000. Highlight of the silver section is a set of Torah finials by Reynierd Ringnald, Amsterdam circa 1770s, with a top estimate of \$50,000. Books and paintings are also on offer. The catalog can be had for \$20 by calling Diana Uddo at (212) 570-4830.

Founded in London in 1796, Phillips opened in New York two years ago and holds regular sales of Judaica and Hebrew books. Judaica specialist Elissa S. Shay is available for consultations and queries about the lots.



Cecil Beaton: The Duke and Duchess of Windsor, 1937, silver print (Sotheby's New York)

# Where dreams become virtual reality

Local start-up RT-Set is garnering international clients with computer-generated technology that can transform an empty television studio into a lively, imaginative set

By NICKY BLACKBURN

A little boy teeters on a thin walkway as missiles are hurled at him from out of nowhere. He inches forward slowly, trying not to look down at the boiling magma below his feet. He moves a little further, then further still, and then, whoops! He loses his balance, plunges into the chasm below and a burst of flame engulfs his body.

Of course none of this is real. Not the missiles, the magma, the chasm, nor the flame. About the only thing that is real is the boy. This is virtual TV. Anything goes. One minute you can be in a haunted castle, the next the Taj Mahal, the next - well the list is as endless as your imagination. You can fly, you can swim, appear or disappear and all the time you're really only standing in one spot in a bare studio.

RT-Set, a specialist in virtual studio systems and a subsidiary of BVR Technologies, was founded just three years ago. It has already carried out projects with a number of leading international players such as Disney and CBS. It covered the US and Korean presidential elections and Mexico's elections. While sales of the system are only expected to begin this year, the company predicts sales of over \$50 million a year by the turn of the century.

Essentially a virtual studio is an add-on to existing TV studios. It enables producers and video makers to transform what is in reality a small, prosaic set into a lively and imaginative computer-generated setting on screen. Presenters may walk about in a bare set, but viewers see them in a proper three-dimensional environment surrounded by props. And, unlike shows that involve computer graphics today, shooting can be done in real-time and there is no need for post production processes.

"One thing that unfortunately hasn't become digital or computerized in TV studios and production houses is set building," says Shalom Nachshon, 45, president and CEO of RT-Set. "It's an expensive business and studios spend large amounts of time and labor on set construction and maintenance. You also need big warehouses and costly tools to move sets from place to place." At some studios, set budgets can average \$1m a year.

"The virtual studio eliminates the need for props or sets because the computer creates them. You just load in what set you want, whether it's for the news or a game show. When you're finished, you push a button and the set changes in a second. The studio can actually be small; it's the computer that generates size and richness."

Aside from saving money, Nachshon says the system also encourages creativity. "Most fancy shows are limited because of the complexity of moving and operating sets. With this system you can add special effects such as explosions or people floating through walls, and it's all live-to-air shooting [live shows]."

For presenters, however, the system does present challenges. They are, after all, working in a vacuum. Nachshon insists they soon get used to it. "It's easier than expected. Because it's in real-time they have immediate feedback. There are monitors in front, and they can see themselves in the virtual

world. At the beginning everyone is hesitant, but afterward they love it."

It was Nachshon who unearthed the idea of the virtual studio. A former airforce pilot, like many of BVR's employees, he was brought on to BVR in 1993 to find new commercial applications for BVR's sophisticated real time 3-D simulators.

For six months Nachshon explored the market turning up some 25 potential appli-

cations in medicine, entertainments, education and industry. After deliberation, BVR chose the virtual studio.

It was an obvious choice, says Nachshon. "Firstly, it's big business. We discovered that for years TV producers have been waiting for such a system, but no one could make it happen. The market is huge and people all over the world are spending billions of dollars on it annually. It has enormous business potential."

"Secondly, BVR's simulator technology fits this technology like a glove. While BVR uses simulated battlefields, we do sets; when they use thrusters, we use camera movements. It's basically the same. We had all the components we needed for this application and hundreds of man years had already been incorporated into the technology."

The company was founded in May 1994, initially with a staff of just two. Because the core technology already existed, development progressed quickly. Less than a year later, RT-Set took the technology to the international National American Broadcasting show in Las Vegas.

It caused a sensation. "We came to the show from nowhere and gave such an impressive presentation that people couldn't believe we were such a young company. Overnight we were all over the magazines," says Nachshon.

As a result of this success, an agreement was signed in 1996 with Chyron, a US company based in Long Island which sells broadcasting equipment to TV stations worldwide. The two companies carried out

breakdown of ownership today shows that BVR owns nearly 60 percent of RT-Set, Chyron nearly 20%, Challenge 10% and Star 10%. Employees also hold some shares.

As a result of these investments, RT-Set has built up a workforce of 23. It has a wholly owned subsidiary in the US through which it markets its system, and dealers in Korea, Malaysia, Taiwan, Australia, South America, Singapore and Mexico.

RT-Set's plan is to sell not just its product, but also its services. Customers will buy the software and hardware. RT-Set will install it, train staff, make the necessary studio alterations and, once the customer can run the system alone, offer after-sales service.

Initially international companies were hesitant to invest in RT-Set's costly machines - which range in price from \$85,000 for a low-cost system to \$800,000 for the high-end virtual studio system - without first trying them out. Through 1996, therefore, RT-Set made a series of agreements whereby it would co-produce programs by renting out its equipment and services.

One of the first projects was with CBS in New York to cover the US presidential elections. Seoul Broadcasting System (SBS) then used it for Korea's elections. Both projects were a success. Indeed, in *Asia Online Magazine* a headline declared: "SBS 'wins' election by using RT-Set's Virtual Studio."

Other projects included an ambitious children's program for CBS (26 episodes were shot in just eight days), MTV's American

Halloween coverage and work for Disney. Disney and SBS are now negotiating to purchase the system. Other orders have already been received from Egypt, Taiwan and Russia, and further orders are anticipated from Spain and Jordan.

Nachshon expects to see tens of orders by the end of this year and hundreds by the end of 1998. "People now know our product has marketing value. We are receiving lots of requests for proposals. We aren't profitable yet, but hope to be by the end of 1998."

Yuval Zeiger, BVR's chief financial officer, is more cautious, however. Though he's hopeful that RT-Set will break even next year, he admits: "It's problematic." He believes the market isn't yet ready for such a sophisticated project.

Ready or not, RT-Set isn't alone out there. "At the start we thought we were the only wise guys in the neighborhood. Our biggest concern was how to educate the market. Today, because of the competition, virtual studios are one of the hottest things in broadcasting and TV. They're becoming the new standard for video production," says Nachshon, contradicting Zeiger.

RT-Set has four main competitors who all developed the same concept in parallel. These are Discreet Logic, a Canadian company; Accron, from the US; Orad in Israel and Brainstorm in Spain. This is stiff competition and if, as Nachshon intends, RT-Set is to grab the biggest slice of the market, it has some tough work ahead. The North American companies, for instance, have better market positioning and more financial clout.

So how does he anticipate beating the competition? "That question bothers us," says Nachshon. "We now know the answer. The market is confused and hesitant. People know they want virtual TV, but don't know which system to use or how to evaluate it. Everyone is pushing aggressively."

"Anyone who's had a chance to use our system intensively has fallen in love with it. Its performance and technology are superior. Both CBS and Disney have had a chance to evaluate it and have become groupies. We know this isn't the case with some competitors. Our strategy is to make the systems available to customers as much as possible. We want to build up to five demonstration centers in key places like New York, Berlin and Japan where people can give the system a go."

To build these demonstration centers, he plans to raise between \$5m-\$10m in another private placement this year.

Despite the fierce fighting ahead, Nachshon is optimistic about the future. "Today the company is well established and the product well-known. It looks like we are at the front of a big happening." He says he expects a public offering toward the end of 1998.

Anticipating growth, RT-Set has taken 500 meters in a new office complex above Toys R Us and Ace Hardware in Shefayim. The complex, which is far from completion, has a strange otherworldly feel, much like a bare set. Floors are concrete, ceilings and walls unfinished, windows empty. Workmen wander about with ladders over their shoulders. It's rather like the company - raw, unpolished, but on the verge of what could turn out to be a promising future.

## SMART SHOPPING

# Don't be a packhorse - travel light

By RACHEL NEWMAN

Back in the days when a dollar was a dollar, and Europe was \$5 a day, a letter was published in Arthur Frommer's guide that has had a lasting influence on the lives of many women travelers. The writer, whose name was withheld, explained how to live with only the dress on her back, one pair of underwear, a scarf, a sweater and, of course, her copy of *Europe on \$5 a Day*.

While few people are willing to live within such Spartan restrictions, especially while on vacation, downsizing is the latest trend in luggage, according to Gild Hess, general manager of Modan Industries, Israel's leading luggage manufacturer. Modan estimates Israel's overall suitcase market at NIS 30 million per year.

Hess notes a sharp rise in demand for trolley-style suitcases, as well as overnight bags for business travelers. Airline crew-inspired trolleys took the market by storm only five years ago, and now comprise some 60 percent of global sales. A frequent flier's dream, they're easy to carry, small enough to be considered carry-on luggage, plus they have wheels and a retractable handle.

The latest wrinkle on the luggage market is garment bags on wheels, to keep clothes smooth.

Hard cases have gained worldwide popularity due to airline baggage handlers, notorious for their cavalier attitude toward luggage - a reputation fueled by the legendary 1960s TV ad of a gorilla, trying in vain to trash a hard shell Samsonite suitcase.

Dutch manufacturer Kipling, imported to Israel by Mews Import & Marketing, part of the Fishman group, has positioned itself as the standard in soft suitcases. Their products are outfitted with hard protective corners made of durable, machine-washable, 420-denier nylon in bright colors to attract the youth market - and

their parents. All other fashionable sack-style bags, including pouches and knapsacks, have followed the Kipling style this year.

Traditionally, Israelis preferred soft cases, which can be stuffed to the rafters, even as the world moved toward hard cases. But nomadic Israelis discovered the weekend jaunt. Kipling reports some 100,000 carry-on trolleys have already been sold in Israel, along with 20,000-30,000 larger sized trolleys.

This claim is backed by another figure, supplied by Ya'acov Nussel of Top-Tik Importers, who last year sold 18,000 suitcases in four days, via the Hyper-Kol chain.

This trend toward trolleys and overnight bags was also noted by Yaki Hessel, deputy general manager of the Handyman chain (also of the Fishman group), which announced last month that it is expanding its luggage department, after noting a 25% rise in suitcase sales this summer. The chain sells an average of 2,000 bags per year, of all types, mainly between May and the High Holy Day season.

They have now added trolleys to their offerings, priced at NIS 99-NIS 350. Modan has trolleys priced at NIS 199-NIS 299 and Kipling carry-on trolleys start at NIS 650. Fliers beware: Trolleys now come in all shapes and sizes, and not all meet the 21 by 24 inch size dimensions (45 inches combined on US domestic flights) that allow them to be classified as carry-on luggage.

When deciding on which bag to take where, Modan's in-house designer Dana Weinfeld suggests taking a few key factors into account, chiefly the type, duration and nature of the trip.

"Only buy suitcases that come with a guarantee," says Weinfeld. "When buying a zippered bag, make sure the zipper is sturdy. Also check handles for sturdiness. Rubber wheels last longer (than their plastic counterparts). Look for wheels that spin smoothly."

Now that you've chosen your

luggage, here comes the hard part: what to bring.

Thanks to today's new and stylish synthetics, anyone can live out the Frommer one-dress fantasy, but most people don't care to. Still, there are ways to minimize the number of items you take, while maximizing their mix and match potential. Experts suggest taking: one or two basic suits (women: one pants, one skirt); three or four tops - T-shirts to turtlenecks, depending on the weather plus an extra sweater, jeans; a bathing suit and one coat. For women one good dress, made of something you can treat like a T-shirt such as cotton fleece or polyester jersey is recommended. Then there's underwear, pajamas, socks and/or stockings

and two pairs of shoes - one for comfort, one for fashion.

Build your wardrobe around a neutral color and accessorize for variety. Take formal attire only if you know you'll be using it.

Make a list of everything you plan to pack at least a week before your trip, review it and eliminate unnecessary items. If you're traveling with a spouse, review the list of toiletries together to avoid duplication.

The wardrobe is picked, and it's time to pack. Every traveler has his or her own style - rolling, filling upright - though no one recommends the throw-it-all-in-a-bag mess method, as clothes that slide around tend to wrinkle. Samsonite recommends "interfolding" garments to avoid wrinkles, by plac-

ing trousers, skirts, dresses, blouses and jackets in the suitcase with the waistband or collar at the edges, alternating side to side. Allow unfolded garments and sleeves to hang out on both sides, then interfold by folding the extensions hanging over the sides; alternate from side to side, folding one garment over the other, and smoothing wrinkles as you go.

Place heavy items to the rear of your suitcase, next to the surface hinges, so they don't crush your clothes when the suitcase is upright.

Before you leave, make sure all luggage is tagged with your name and address. Paste ID cards both on the inside and outside of each bag. And don't forget - have a nice trip!

## ◆ BITS & BYTES ◆

By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

Delta Three and VocalTec join forces: Delta Three, in cooperation with VocalTec Communications Ltd., has introduced PC-to-phone calling using VocalTec's Internet Phone 5.0. Consumers can use the system by downloading VocalTec's software and signing up for a calling account with Delta Three. A Delta Three pin number allows users to call from any PC to any phone worldwide. The same pin number can be used to access Delta Three's phone-to-phone service.

Microsoft announces new support center: Microsoft has announced the September opening of a local support center for large organizations. The new center will operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Microsoft will provide preliminary service over the telephone and, if necessary, experts will be available to pay office visits.

Nicelag selected by Denver

Dispatch: Nice Systems Ltd., a provider of voice, fax and data logging and monitoring systems has announced a deal to provide the Denver Emergency Services Dispatch with its Nicelag system. Nicelag enables users to automatically record, log, archive and play back the dispatch's police, fire and emergency medical-service department calls and radio transmissions. Nice's systems are used by financial institutions, call centers, securities traders, law firms and air traffic-control sites.

PowerDine receives \$750,000 private placement: The Vertex III Venture Fund recently announced that it invested \$750,000 in PowerDine, a maker of power modules used in telecommunications equipment. PowerDine's customers include Telrad, Gilat and GEC Marconi. Vertex III is a \$20 million fund that invests in early-stage Israeli and Israel-relat-

ed private companies in the high-tech sector. Its partners are Singapore Technologies Pte. Ltd. and the Israeli government.

Rada acquires 49 percent stake in Jetborne: Rada Electronics Industries Ltd. recently reported that it acquired a 49% stake in Jetborne International Inc., an aircraft spare-parts provider based in Miami, Florida. Based in Herzliya, Rada develops, manufactures and markets advanced electronic equipment for the aerospace and commercial aviation markets. The transaction was valued at \$2.7m.

Tadiran Telecom receives \$2.9m order: Atlantic Telecommunications Ltd., a subsidiary of Atlantic Telecom Group PLC, has placed a \$2.9m order with Tadiran Telecommunications Ltd. Tadiran will supply base-station equipment for Atlantic Telecom's network in Glasgow, Scotland.











## Halika, Garumi set nat'l swim marks

By HEATHER CHAIT and agencies

Mickey Halika and Eran Garumi broke three national swimming records yesterday on the second day of the European Championships in Seville, Spain.

Halika, the 19-year-old prodigy, shaved a remarkable three seconds off his own record in the 400 meters individual medley, setting a time of 4:22.82 in the B final. Halika's own previous record had stood at 4:25:12, set in Barcelona this year.

Halika finished second in the B final, 10th overall and guaranteed his spot in the world championships in Perth in January.

In the morning heats, Halika's time was 4:25:98, slower than expected possibly due to the scorching sun and insufficient for the A final. In the afternoon, he again embarrassed officials, who had shown him the cold shoulder when choosing the Atlanta Olympic squad.

Eran Garumi, 27, shattered the 100m butterfly record twice yesterday.

In the heats, Garumi swam the distance in 54:91 and then seven hours later, returned to cut his time to 54:48, another record.

Garumi's previous best time was 55:16 and the record of 55:11 had belonged to Dan Kutler, now back in the US after his Olympic stint.

Garumi finished 11th overall, third in the B final; his time would have placed him seventh in the A final.

Yoav Meiri, also in the 100m fly, did not reach the final.

Israel's best swimmer, Yoav Bruck, dives into the pool today in the 100m freestyle as does Oren Azrad, Eytan Orbach and Yoav Gat will be in action in the 200m backstroke.

De Bruin takes 2nd gold

Michelle Smith De Bruin picked up her second gold medal in two races, winning yesterday in the 200-meter freestyle in 1 minute 59.93 seconds.

In the women's 200 breaststroke, 16-year-old Hungarian Agnes Kovacs, clocked 2:24.90 to set a new European record.

De Bruin got off with a warning after failing to attend a mandatory post-race press conference on Tuesday (she could have been disqualified from subsequent events).

The 27-year-old Dublin native, who has three more events to swim, admitted it's been a tough year since winning in Atlanta.

"It was difficult in regard to things that were said about me at the Olympics and after the Olympics," she said. Controversy has swirled around the Irish woman since Atlanta when unproven allegations surfaced that her wins were drug-aided.

## Becker out of US Open after friend's death

BONN (Reuters) - Boris Becker has decided not to compete in next week's US Open after the death of his adviser and close friend Axel Meyer-Woelken.

The 29-year-old former World No. 1 had been expected to make his final appearance in a Grand Slam event at the US Open, which starts on Monday.

Meyer-Woelken, one of Germany's most influential sports managers, died of liver cancer on Monday in Munich. He was 56.

Becker, who had close personal and business ties with Meyer-Woelken, first canceled his trip to Boston, where he was scheduled to play Brazilian Fernando Meligeni on Tuesday night.

Becker had been planning to make his comeback in Boston after a four-week injury break.

His withdrawal means that his emotional farewell to Wimbledon last July was probably his last appearance in a Grand Slam tournament.

Becker confirmed recently that the end of his career was nearing but said he would play a few more tournaments next year and make himself available for Davis Cup duty with Germany.

Revised men's seedings following Becker's withdrawal: 1. Pete Sampras (US) 2. Michael Chang (US) 3. Yevgeny Kafelnikov (Russia) 4. Goran Ivanisevic (Croatia) 5. Thomas Muster (Austria) 6. Alex Corretja (Spain) 7. Sergi Bruguera (Spain) 8. Carlos Moya (Spain) 9. Gustavo Kuerten (Brazil) 10. Marcelo Rios (Chile) 11. Thomas Enqvist (Sweden) 12. Feliu Maslana (Spain) 13. Patrick Rafter (Australia) 14. Mark Philippoussis (Australia) 15. Petr Korda (Czech Republic) 16. Albert Costa (Spain)

# Israel bid adieu to France

## 1-0 loss to Bulgaria keeps Israel out of '98 World Cup

By DEREK FATTAL

Israel's World Cup qualifying trial came to a brave but disappointing end in last night's European Group 5 clash against Bulgaria in Sofia's Levski Stadium. The Israelis ended 1-0 losers in a match decided by a 68th-minute goal scored by Bulgarian substitute Lyuboslav Penev in front of a fiercely partisan crowd of 25,000.

Shlomo Scharf's men needed a victory to retain any hope of progressing into next year's finals in France. Last night's result leapfrogged the Bulgarians into pole position over the Israelis and former leaders Russia. The Bulgarians now head the Group with 15 points, ahead of Russia who remain on 14 points and the Israelis who end their group play in third position with 13 points from their complete roster of eight matches.

The Bulgarians will go on to fight for a place in the finals when they play Russia at home and away in the two remaining qualifying matches that will decide the outcome of the group.

Scharf's game plan of playing Ran Ben-Shimon as a sweeper succeeded in denying the Bulgarians in a tightly-fought goalless first half. As expected, the traffic was largely one-way in favor of the host team which had 80 percent of possession, but for the most part were restricted to shots from outside the area despite the talented marshalling of Stungart's Krasimir Balakov in midfield.

The Israelis sought to fight loose of Bulgaria's grip on the match through some fast breaks, and nearly outwitted the home side when Haim Revivo dummed his way through two Bulgarian center backs in the 19th minute, but sent his shot straight into the arms of goalkeeper Zdravko Zdravkov.

Eight minutes later, the Bulgarians should have taken the lead when Daniel Borimirov was put through the Israeli defense by captain Hristo Stoichkov but fired wide with just Rafi Cohen to beat.

Sensing the need to bolster his attack Bulgarian coach Hristo Boney exchanged defender Ivailo Petkov with Penev at the beginning of the second half. The addition helped liven Stoichkov who had the misfortune to see a stinging header ring against Cohen's crossbar in the 51st minute in a



BALL-WATCHERS - Bulgaria striker Hristo Stoichkov (4) looks at the flight of the ball together with Israel's Ran Ben-Shimon (6), Eli Ohana (11) and Amir Shelah.

huge left off for the Israelis.

Boostered by this narrow escape and the growing belief that this could just be their night of glory, Israeli midfielder Avi Nimni began to take responsibility for taking the ball deep into Bulgarian territory with some telling sorties down the left flank.

Nimni found himself free of attention in the 53rd minute, but his shot lacked accuracy and power. Four minutes later he forged inside the Bulgarian area again only to be rudely upended by fullback Trifon Ivanov. Nimni screamed for a penalty but his strong appeal was treated with scorn by the Hungarian referee who waved play on.

The Bulgarians began to regain some composure with the 59th minute introduction of 1994 World Cup hero Yordan Lechkov.

After further attempts at goal by Revivo at one end and Balakov at the other, Lechkov engineered the killer move with virtually his first touch of the game. Skirting down the right he side-footed the ball to Emil Kostadinov who craftily backheeled a return pass to Lechkov who entered the area then tucked a perfect pass on to Penev who fired into goal.

A minute later, the Bulgarians lost Anatoli Nankov who received a red card as a result of a clash with David Amisalem. Having nothing to lose, Scharf threw on strikers Ronen Harazi and Alon Mizrahi in place of Eli Ohana and the battered Felix Halfon. The injection of attacking talent helped little against a seasoned opponent skilled at protecting a narrow but priceless lead, and the Bulgarians saw out the remaining time with

little in the way of threats on their goal.

The final act of the match came with the dismissal of Alon Hazan who collected his second booking of the game with a tackle on Zlatko Yankov in the 89th minute.

A few minutes later Israel's campaign was over and the Bulgarian crowd celebrated a victory that could once again send them towards another World Cup finals gala.

For Israel another period of waiting and rebuilding lies in store, together with the memories of what might have been. In truth the end came last November with the blue-and-white squad's surprise defeat in Cyprus.

In other matches yesterday, Romania guaranteed themselves a trip to France with a 4-2 win over Macedonia.

In other action, Anton Polster scored all three goals as Austria moved closer to a place in next year's World Cup with a 3-0 victory at Estonia while Norway virtually clinched a place by beating Finland 4-0 in Helsinki.

Bulgaria: 1-Zdravko Zdravkov, 2-Radostin Kishishev, 3-Trifon

Ivanov, 4-Ivailo Petkov (Lyuboslav Penev 45), 5-Ivailo Yordanov, 6-Zlatko Yankov, 7-Emil Kostadinov, 8-Hristo Stoichkov, 9-Daniel Borimirov (Yordan Lechkov 59), 10-Krasimir Balakov, 11-Anatoli Nankov.

Israel: 1-Rafi Cohen, 2-Felix Halfon (Alon Mizrahi 70), 3-David Amisalem, 4-Alon Hazan, 5-Amir Shelah, 6-Ran Ben-Shimon, 7-Tal Banin, 8-Haim Revivo, 9-Avi Nimni, 10-Arik Bennado, 11-Eli Ohana (Ronen Harazi 70).

Group 5	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bulgaria	6	5	0	1	15	5	15
Russia	6	4	2	0	15	2	14
Israel	6	3	1	2	9	7	10
Cyprus	6	1	4	1	5	14	4
Luxembourg	6	0	0	6	1	17	0

Group 3: Finland 0, Norway 4; Hungary 1, Switzerland 1  
Group 4: Belarus 1, Sweden 2  
Group 6: Czech Republic 2, Faroe Islands 0  
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## Ashes may end Atherton reign

LONDON (Reuters) - Michael Atherton may be facing his swansong but Mark Taylor is ready for an encore as the Ashes captains reach the end of the series in contrasting mood.

The sixth and final Test starts at The Oval today with Atherton's England, having flattered to deceive with a rousing win in the first Test, now find themselves 3-1 down to Taylor's rejuvenated Australians.

Atherton's great ambition of regaining the Ashes has been shattered by the world's current Test side, and the burden of leading a losing team could finally have taken its toll.

England's longest-serving captain is to discuss his position with chairman of selectors David Graveney during The Oval test, his 46th in charge.

With the series and the fate of

the Ashes decided by Australia's fifth consecutive triumph, England can salvage only a measure of pride by beating Taylor's battle-weary troops.

Taylor, having survived a personal batting crisis that appeared to threaten his place as captain early on the tour, is happy to keep the job if he gets the backing of Australia's selectors.

Australia will certainly want to end the rubber on a winning note to complete a 4-1 margin, but Taylor's task is hampered by the absence of two of his match-winning pace bowlers.

Paul Reiffel has returned home to be with his pregnant wife and Jason Gillespie is out with a stress fracture of the back.

Moreover, fellow paceman Brendon Julian has a broken wrist and misses the chance of his first appearance of the series.

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# Weekender

## The big thrill

**'In Hollywood, there's a law that says when you do a sci-fi movie, you have to have Jeff Goldblum.'**

By DOUGLAS J. ROWE

Jeff Goldblum flounces in, flirts and fools around. And if he's feeling a little full of himself and having a ton of fun, why not? He's been in the top two money-making films of the decade, and now he's in a movie that might make it three.

Whooooee! Life is good. He walks the walk of a successful movie star, almost gliding as he enters a conference room in the midtown offices of Universal Studios, producers of *The Lost World: Jurassic Park*, which had box-office totals approaching \$200 million after just three weeks. He sees a lovely blonde who's helping to take his photograph, has her repeat her name since it's been a year since she last took his picture, and proceeds to hum, repeat her name like a mantra, and generally acts like — as he himself puts it — a "simpleton." He's mal-posed and agreeable as he poses, laughs and vamps for the camera.

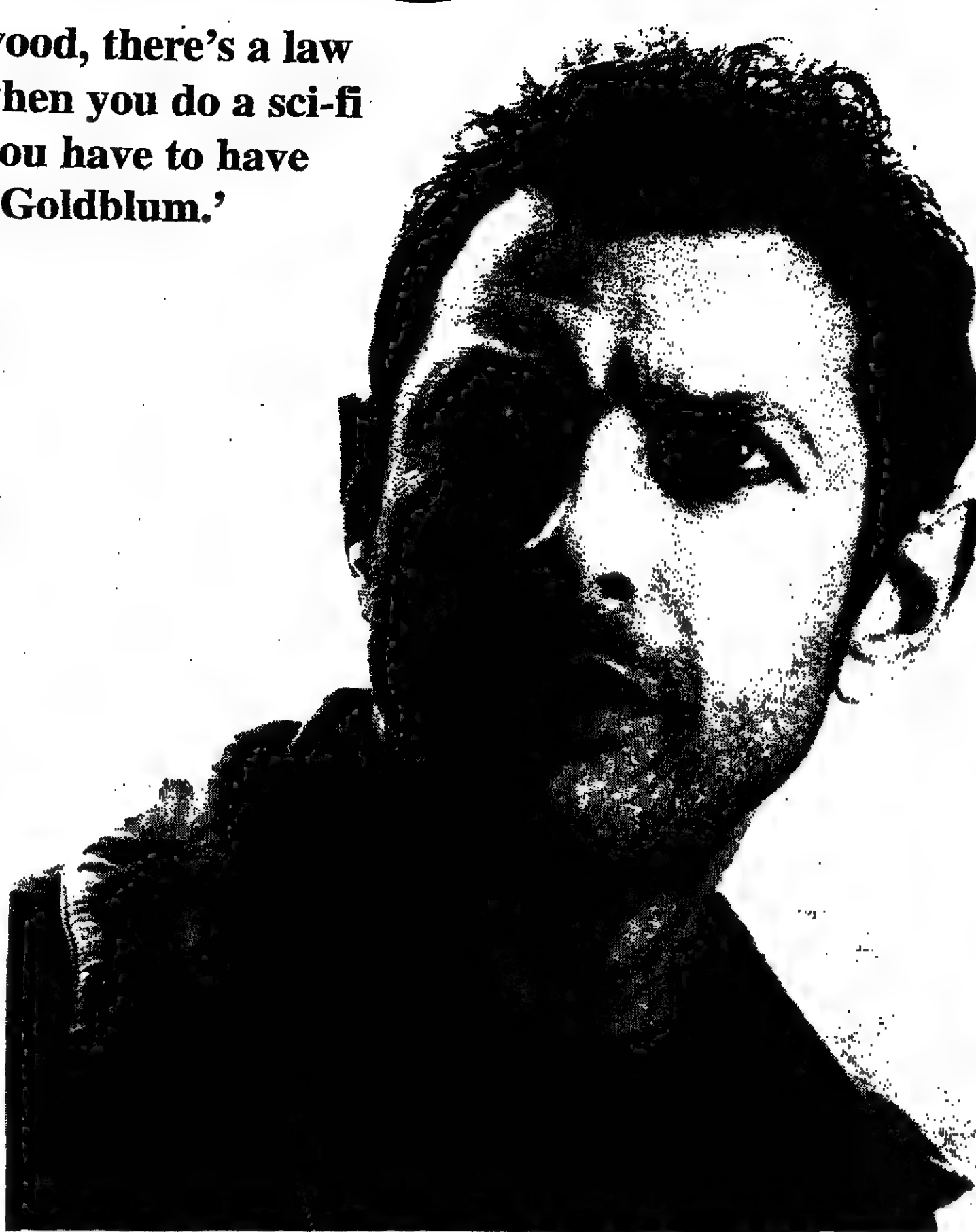
"I'm a puppet on a string," he says as the photographer puts him through his paces. "I'm like Mr. Pipe Cleaner." Because of the whirl of publicity for Steven Spielberg's sequel to his mega-hit *Jurassic Park*, Goldblum is asked if he's been working hard.

"Well, if this looks like work," he tells the photographer, striking another pose. "You're working harder than I am." He works the mantra enough to acquire a phone number and find out that he and the photo assistant have a mutual friend, Dean Devlin, producer and co-writer of the other top-grossing film Goldblum was in, last summer's *Independence Day*. Devlin once joked that "in Hollywood, there's a law that says when you do a sci-fi movie, you have to have Jeff Goldblum." Thing is, it's no joke. Goldblum's sci-fi roles amount to a billion-dollar filmography.

Once the camera stops whirling and he settles down to talk, Goldblum says he feels grateful to be in these ultra-mega blockbusters. "It's nice for me, and good for me professionally. I'm enjoying a range of choices now, more than ever," he says. "I feel lucky because it's not like it's the result of some sharp strategy; it's just kind of came about." It's fun when everybody knows about the movie you're in, he says, and it came about going in movies that were big and so fast no one even knew it was at the cinema.

He's still in those kinds of movies. Just last year, he starred in a film, entitled *Trigger Happy*, which recently came out in the US on video and was savagely panned by critics.

"A lot of movies — and movies



Jeff Goldblum reprises his role as mathematician Ian Malcolm in the mega-hit 'The Lost World: Jurassic Park.'

I'd still love to be in and have been in — are special and intended for a select audience, and are riskier in material perhaps, venture some, different," says the 44-year-old, 6-foot-4 (1.92-meter) actor. Goldblum has filled a wide range of roles over the years, going back to his early, small parts: a rapist in 1974's *Death Wish*, the disco owner in *Thank God It's Friday*, a *People Magazine* writer in *The Big Chill*, and a NASA recruiter in *The Right Stuff*. It wasn't until 1985 that he got his first leading-man role. In *Into the Night*. Both he and the

movie fared poorly, though. Then in 1987, he flew into stardom in *The Fly*, playing Seth Brundle, a scientist who is transmogrified into a mutant hybrid. (He co-starred with Geena Davis, who became his second wife.) It's roles such as that and the ones he played in his three biggest movies that have led critics to say he was born to play eccentric scientists. "Sounds flattering to me," says Goldblum, who grew up one of four children in an upper-middle-class suburb of Pittsburgh. "It's flattering to be given these couple of parts where they think I come

off especially smart. That's nice. I have a high school diploma. "In school, I made good grades, I must say, but it was an academically not very demanding school, and I wasn't particularly interested in math or science or anything like that. My dad was a doctor, but I was interested in sports and piano and painting and stuff like that." If fact, he still plays the piano every day. "It's a lovely part of my day that I don't have to plan or anything. I just pass the piano and will find myself there for a couple of hours sometimes." In the last

year or so, he's been jamming with some friends in Los Angeles area clubs. "It's just for fun. It's no career," he says. Goldblum acknowledges that he is no longer engaged to Laura Dern, who co-starred in the original *Jurassic Park*, but he says he's trying to make sure his personal life is "not part of the entertainment." Says Goldblum, "The truth is I respect her terrifically. I adore her as a person. We're luckily in each other's lives very closely, not traditionally together right now ... but I'm trying to keep all of that aggressively undisplayed." (AP)

## Life's a beach at The Valley

By PAM BECKER

The Valley has come to Tel Aviv. No, Tori Spelling isn't making aliyah. Sandwiched between the Yarkon River and the Reading Power Station is The Valley, a new dance club for twenty-somethings.

Outdoors, with palm trees and pebbles on the ground, The Valley manages to create a beach-party feel, on the other side of town from the beach.

The music is '80s, dance, trance, house and a lot of techno (perhaps too much techno for local Anglo tastes). A series of wooden platforms serve as dance floors for the couple hundred patrons.

For those who want to take a break from the dance floor, lawn chairs and tables overlook the water. The atmosphere works. While it isn't exactly the beach, the music is good to dance to, the lake pretty at night, the nocturnal breeze comfortable, and you almost forget about the power station's huge silos filled with God knows what behind the DJ.

To quote one clubber, the people — "look, like nice kids having a good time." As an added bonus, sweets were passed out in the early morning hours, and the crowd responded happily. Apparently, a different treat, such as popicles and Beduin-type snacks, is given out each week.

Said Marcel Hass, a British-Israeli, "I run a tour company so I am always looking for new places to go. Usually on Friday nights it's hard to find clubs for 25 plus. The Valley has a great location and a sophisticated atmosphere. It's small, compact, away from everything, and if you don't want to dance, there are places to sit down and get away from it. The club is not enclosed so you're not being suffocated in a building, and because you have to make an effort to get there, you feel like you're going somewhere."

Added Anat Rahavi, "I like the way it was built. The three separate dance floors means there's plenty of space to dance. That makes it really nice. And there's lots of parking."

Run by Nissan and Ilar, who like to be addressed on a first-name basis, The Valley is open on Friday nights throughout the summer, from midnight to six, with the biggest crowds at 1:30 a.m. Entrance is NIS 40 per person and a beer costs NIS 12.

To find The Valley, drive all the way up Ibo Gvirol, take a left at the power station and follow the signs. A breezy alternative to the usual Tel Aviv dance clubs, The Valley is worth checking out while the summer lasts.

## Movies on my mind

### Actress Gila Almagor talks about her favorite Israeli films

By MATT REES

For over three decades, Gila Almagor has reigned as Israel's leading film actress, starring in such movies as *Eldorado*, *The Summer of Aviya* and *Siege*, winning acclaim both here and abroad. She is currently preparing to appear on stage in Tel Aviv in *Medea*, but she'll be back in front of the camera in December, shooting a new film with Shemi Zarhin, director of *Passover Fever*. After that, Almagor heads for Morocco to make a miniseries. Now that she's "old, old enough to remember them all, good and bad," the grande dame of Israeli cinema recalls her pick of the best five Israeli films.

**1. *Siege***  
"Directed by Gilberto Tofano, we made this film immediately after the Six Day War. It's the story of the widow of an Israeli parachute commander who is besieged by friends of her husband. It's also the story of how the country was besieged, even after the glorious victory. It's a very good film — the best — and not only I think so. When a retrospective of my films was shown in Toronto, it was also considered the best. And it's very relevant today. People ask me when they see it now if it is a new film about terrorism or the fighting on the northern border. It's unbelievable how relevant it is."

**2. *Beyond the Walls***  
"This was directed by Uri Barbash in 1984. It's about Jewish and Arab prisoners in an Israeli jail. It was the first time the co-existence between Jews and Arabs was treated so effectively. I find it a very powerful movie from every aspect. It's an excellent script and the acting is great. Since then, quite a few films have dealt with this subject — how Jews and Arabs live together — but in a very shallow, superficial way. They always use a silly love story between a Jewish boy and an Arab girl, for example. But *Beyond the Walls* was a very serious film."

**3. *Life According to Agfa***  
"This is a very mature, powerful film [also starring Almagor]. Only a mature society can look at itself in such a courageous film. Although my world is quite differ-

ent from the pessimistic world of [director] Assi Dayan, nonetheless it's even more gripping because it was done before the assassination of Rabin. It's as though Dayan knew what was going to happen, in a way. Its toughness is there also in the way it portrays the soldiers, because the army was always something that was sacred. When I saw it, I thought, 'My goodness, a Jew would kill another Jew? That's very hard to accept.' Then there was the assassination.

"The last scene of this film is in color, but the rest of it is black and white. But even in this last scene, it is still very gray. When I look out of my window, I see colors and the sea and it keeps me optimistic. That's important."



**4. *The Summer of Aviya***  
"This is a very personal film [the movie was based on Almagor's autobiography]. For my generation, it took us a few decades to be able to deal with our parents' past. The Holocaust was a hush-hush subject. It took time to grow my white hair and to be able to deal with my dark past. The fact is that after that, a few other films were made that dealt with the same subject. *The Summer of Aviya* was the first time I dealt with my own past. It was very therapeutic."

**5. *Noa At 17***  
"Directed by Yitzhak Yeshurun, this is about the break-up of a kibbutz family. It's very beautiful and intense and very touching. The break-up of the kibbutz movement was a tragedy. People who were pioneers and had built so much together, they had to break up because of ideology. It is a very tragic thing for Israeli society. The way the director dealt with that, through the eyes of a 17-year-old girl, was excellent. The situation in the kibbutz is different now, but still this tragedy is very important to remember."

## Hot tips

By KAREN SULKIS

### Tel Aviv ▼

"THE DEVIL made me sing that Offenbach!" Not much of an excuse, but if you've got a fantastic voice, no one will hold it against you.

A "Dibolic Evening" is in store for tonight's International Opera Singers Program. The Metropolitan Opera's Joan Dornemann directs Satan-inspired works by the aforementioned Offenbach and others. The luciferian fun starts at 8 p.m. in the Music Conservatory's auditorium.

**SEX, INHERITANCE**, fathers and sons are the themes that run through controversial playwright Hanoah Levin's *The Whore from Ohio*. Gita Munte stars. The show starts tonight at 8:30 at ZOA House.

**YOUR YOUNG** ones won't want to miss the last day of the

**Children's Summer Theater Festival** at Yad Lebanim. At 11 a.m., children ages 4 and up can enjoy *Don't Want to Be a Lion*, a play about a big cat who's tired of being king of the jungle and longs to be a different animal altogether. Bring your 3- to 9-year-olds back at 5:30 p.m., so they can catch *Kacha Sam*, a play whose title is, for all intents and purposes, self-explanatory.

**AND WAIT**, there's more children's theater in the form of *The Woman Who Lives in the Picture*. This play tells the story of two characters who meet when a painting comes to life and the boundaries between life and art get a little blurry. Curtain at 11:30 a.m. at the Tel Aviv Museum.

Tonight at 8 p.m. the streets of *Blue in the Face*. Paul Anner and Wayne Wang explore racial collaboration. *Blue* before the set was struck on Wang's arthouse sleeper (based on the novel) *Smoke, Dreams and the Face* uses many of the characters from the first film — and some celebrities in cameos like you've never seen them before. Influential rocker Lou Reed shares his sensitive-inventor side in a mesmerizing monologue about Brooklyn and bifocals. Madonna delivers a singing telegram.

**INTRODUCE YOUR** kids to impressionism with this morning's program at the Israel Museum. Tanya Sirkowitz and Michal Arad lead a workshop for young ones age 6 to 8. Snacks are included, and the program starts at 11 a.m. Call (02) 670-8081.

Roseanne plays the part of an angry wife. (OK, well, we have seen that before. But you get the picture.) Even if you've already seen the film, you can't beat the Cinematheque meat locker ... er, auditoriums for staying icy in the August heat.

It's a Black and Blues evening tonight at Camelot. Rhythm & blues, funk and soul artists hold court downstairs. The music starts at 11 p.m. 16 Shalom Aleichem, near Ben-Yehuda. Call (03) 528-5222.

Singer Abinoam Nini and accompanist Gil Dor perform Saturday night at 9:30 at Tzavta.

### Jerusalem ▼

**BLUES FOLKSINGER** Inkblot Hurricane performs at the lovely Bird of Paradise Cafe, tonight from 8:30 to 11:30. 56 Habad in the Old City.

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**MASTER SAXOPHONIST** (and mentor to members of the Spin Doctors and Blues Traveller) Arnie Lawrence hosts a jazz party tonight at the Khan Theater. It'll be Gershwin galore, with a lineup that includes pio-

neering Israeli jazz drummer Arnie Kaminski, Eli Magen, Daniel Ran and Avishai Cohen joining Lawrence for the all-night jam. The music starts at 10 p.m. Call (02) 671-9602 for ticket information.



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## A La Carte Cakes with the queen

By DANIEL ROGOV

Formal dinners at the court of England's Queen Elizabeth I were extraordinary events. A German visitor who dined at the queen's palace at Greenwich in 1598 wrote that "the meal was announced by 12 trumpets and two kettledrums that made the castle ring for half an hour."

Dinner itself, served by members of the queen's guard, all dressed in scarlet, consisted of six courses, each consisting of 24 different dishes. The serving platters were made of gold and the dinner plates of silver. Each guest was assigned two servants, a man to taste the food for poison and a woman to serve the food and pour the wine.

William Harrison, a frequent guest at royal meals, wrote that on one occasion in 1577, when entertaining 12 members of the royal family for breakfast, the queen's servants served "six chickens, 12 trout, 22 rabbits and three heaping plates each of lamb chops, beef-steaks and sausages, all with enormous quantities of wine and ale."

None of this was considered out of the ordinary, for many monarchs, before and after Elizabeth's time, entertained lavishly. It was almost as if the serving of food was meant to reflect the wealth and power of the royal family.

What was unusual is that Elizabeth rarely dined with her guests. Although she would generally make an appearance at the beginning of dinner, it was the queen's habit to then retire to her private rooms, there to eat very moderate meals. She rarely drank wine and a single small lamb chop and one or two asparagus spears were quite enough for her dinners.

But Elizabeth was not always moderate in her dining habits. Addicted to sweets, she constantly carried candies with her in the folds of her gown, doled on fruit pies and meringues and adorned marzipan.

In August 1583, the queen invited six of her ladies-in-waiting to morning refreshments. When they arrived, they found a table almost five meters long completely covered with cakes and fresh fruits, including peaches, figs, pomegranates, melons, oranges, quinces and strawberries there were 46 different cakes.

While one should not follow Elizabeth's example (she ate so many sweets that her teeth eventually turned black), some of the

cakes she adored are no less delicate and tempting today. Each of the following recipes, ideal for serving during the hot days of summer, is designed to serve eight.

### SAVARIN WITH FRUITS AND SWEET CREAM

**For the cake:**  
25 gr. yeast  
1/2 cup sugar  
1 cup milk, scalded  
1/2 tsp. salt  
4 eggs  
1/2 cup butter, melted and cooled  
1/2 cup raisins  
3 1/2 cups flour, sifted  
raspberries, strawberries or cherries for serving  
Chantilly cream, for serving (recipe below)

**For the syrup:**  
1/2 cup sugar  
6 Tbsp. kirsch liqueur, rum or Cognac  
juice of 1 small lemon

Dissolve the yeast in 1/2 cup of warm water to which 1 Tbsp. of the sugar has been added.

Into a large warm bowl, pour the milk and when lukewarm add the yeast mixture and salt.

Beat the eggs and remaining sugar together, add the butter, blending well, and then add to the milk mixture. Add the raisins and just enough of the flour to make a thick, heavy batter. With a wooden spoon beat the batter for 5 minutes.

Cover with a cloth and set in a warm place to rise until doubled in bulk (about 1 1/2 hours). With a closed fist, beat down the dough.

Butter a 28 cm. ring mold and fill the mold with just enough batter to fill it slightly under halfway.

Cover and let stand until again doubled in bulk. Bake in a medium oven for 35 minutes and then let cool in the ring.

Prepare the syrup by simmering the sugar together with 2 cups of water for 10 minutes. Cool and then add the liquor and lemon juice. Remove the cake from the mold, pour 1/2 cup of the syrup over the cake and return the cake to the mold.

With a skewer make deep holes in the cake and pour in the remaining syrup until the cake is well soaked. Let stand for several hours.

Unmold just before serving and fill the center of the cake with fresh fruits. Over this spoon some of the Chantilly cream. Serve the

remaining Chantilly cream separately so that each person can spoon as much as he wants over his portion.

### STRAWBERRY CHIFFON CAKE WITH STRAWBERRY SAUCE

**For the cake:**  
2 1/2 cups cake flour, sifted  
1/2 cup sugar  
1/2 Tbsp. baking powder  
1 tsp. salt  
1/2 cup cooking oil  
6 egg yolks, beaten lightly  
1/4 cup finely pureed strawberries (may substitute blackberries or raspberries)  
2 tsp. vanilla extract  
1 tsp. grated lemon rind  
6-10 egg whites  
1/2 tsp. cream of tartar  
strawberry or blackberry sauce for serving (recipe below)

Combine the flour, sugar, baking powder and salt and sift the mixture twice.

In a mixing bowl, combine the cooking oil, egg yolks, pureed fruit, vanilla extract and lemon rind. Beat these until completely smooth and then fold the mixture into the flour.

Beat the egg whites until foamy and then add the cream of tartar. Continue beating until the egg whites are stiff and then fold the flour, egg and oil mixture gently into the egg whites.

Pour into an ungreased 23 x 35 cm. flat baking pan. Place the pan on a rack in the lower third of the oven that has been preheated to 165°C and

bake for 30-35 minutes. When the cake is done, remove it from the oven and place on a rack to cool. Serve with strawberry sauce.

**CHANTILLY CREAM**  
Chantilly cream is nothing more than sweetened whipped cream. Nothing could be tastier or easier to make.

1 cup sweet cream, well chilled  
2-3 Tbsp. confectioners' sugar, sifted  
1/2 tsp. vanilla extract  
1-2 tsp. rum or cognac (optional)

With a hand whisk or an electric beater, whip the cream until it starts to thicken. Add the remaining ingredients and continue beating until the cream is stiff. (Be careful not to overbeat or the cream will separate.) (Yields about 2 cups.)

**STRAWBERRY SAUCE**  
1 liter fresh strawberries or raspberries  
1/2-1 1/2 cups confectioners' sugar  
2-3 Tbsp. kirsch liqueur, cognac or lemon juice

Clean the fruit well and then put it through a fine sieve. Add sugar to taste and then beat for 10 minutes with an electric beater. Beat

in the kirsch, cognac or lemon juice to taste.

### APRICOT CAKE

**For the cake:**  
5 eggs, at room temperature  
1 cup sugar  
1/4 tsp. salt  
1 1/2 cups rice flour, sifted  
1/2 cup butter, melted and cooled  
1/4 cup Maraschino liqueur (if unavailable, use cherry syrup)  
1 cup apricot jam  
**For the poached apricots:**  
2 cups milk  
1 cup sugar  
8-12 apricots, (ideally fresh) halved and pitted

In the top of a double boiler, combine the eggs, sugar and salt. Over but not in barely simmering water beat the mixture until it is tripled in bulk and warmed through. (Fifteen minutes with an electric mixer or about 25 minutes by hand.)

Fold in the flour, butter and 1 Tbsp. of the liqueur, taking care not to over mix. Pour into a buttered and lightly floured 6-cup ring mold and bake in a medium oven until a toothpick inserted comes out clean (about 25 minutes). Remove from the oven and cool on a rack.

Puree the jam in a strainer and mix with the remaining liqueur. Coat the cake with this mixture.

To poach the apricots, heat the milk in a saucepan just until bubbles begin to appear at the edges of the milk. Add the sugar, mix well and then add the apricot halves.

Cook over lowest possible flame just until the apricots are soft (6-8 minutes). Drain the apricots and with these decorate the base and top of the cake.

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# Weekender Food & Drink

## Phyllis's Notebook Back to school

By PHYLLIS GLAZER

Those glorious mornings of being able to sleep just a little bit later, instead of waking up to the mad rush of getting kids off to school, are almost over. Long, leisurely breakfasts are about to give way to a quick look through the refrigerator on the way out the door.

Unfortunately, more and more children leave home in the mornings without having breakfast. This is astounding considering the amount of information that suggests that children who don't eat breakfast find it more difficult to concentrate in school. Sugar-laden cereals also have been shown to negatively effect the ability to concentrate.

One of the best breakfasts is the once-standard Israeli breakfast: salad; hard-boiled eggs; cheese and rolls; French toast or pancakes made with whole-wheat products and sweetened with real maple syrup, honey or cinnamon and sugar; hot oatmeal; or nutritious muffins.

Ten o'clock snacks also can be a good source of vitamins, minerals and protein, helping to fill out a skimpy breakfast. One of the most traditional of these in Israel is fatty chocolate spread slathered on white bread. A better choice certainly would be a cheese or tuna sandwich (kids especially like them cut in quarters) and vegetable sticks, followed by a piece of fresh fruit. For kids who don't like bread, whole-wheat crackers with an individually wrapped cube of cheese or halva are fun.

School trips are junk-food time though. You still can pack a nourishing sandwich and fruit, freeze a bottle of water instead of a fruit

drink, and add a few homemade cookies or a muffin. Below are some of my favorite back-to-school recipes.

### PANCAKES

If you don't like the taste of whole-wheat pancakes, but want to serve something nutritious anyway, try these white flour pancakes enriched with wheat germ.

2 eggs  
2 Tbsp. oil  
2 1/2 cups milk  
1 1/2 cups regular or enriched white flour  
1 cup wheat germ  
2 tsp. baking powder  
2 Tbsp. brown sugar  
dash salt

Use a fork to mix together the eggs, oil and half the milk. Stir in the dry ingredients, and add enough milk to create a runny but still slightly thick mixture. Heat a heavy frying pan till drops of water "dance" on it.

Using a paper towel, lightly grease the pan and then pour 1/4-1/3 cup of the mixture into it, to make 4 pancakes. Cook till bubbles appear and burst on the top, turn and cook the other side. If the pancakes brown too quickly, it means the temperature was too high and should be lowered slightly.

Either serve the pancakes now or cool and store them in the freezer with wax paper between each layer. (Makes 18 pancakes.)

### OATMEAL RAISIN MUFFINS

1 cup instant oatmeal  
1 cup buttermilk or sour cream  
1 egg  
1/2 cup oil  
1/2 cup whole-wheat flour  
1/2 cup white flour

1 tsp. baking powder  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1/2 cup baking soda  
1/2 cup demerara or packed brown sugar  
1/2 cup raisins

Heat the oven to 180°C. In a large bowl, mix together the oatmeal and buttermilk and let stand for 3-4 minutes. Mix in the egg and oil. Using a wooden spoon, stir in the remaining dry ingredients, mixing just until smooth.

Stir in the raisins. Pour into greased muffin cups (or use paper cups to line a baking pan). Bake 18-20 minutes until golden. Serve warm with butter and honey. (Makes 12 muffins.)

### CINNAMON WHEAT GERM COOKIES

200 gr. butter  
1 1/2 cups brown or demerara sugar  
2 eggs  
1 tsp. vanilla  
1/2 cup wheat germ  
2 1/2 cups whole-wheat flour (or part white flour)  
2 tsp. baking powder  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1/2 cup demerara sugar  
1 tsp. cinnamon

Beat butter and brown sugar till fluffy. Beat in the eggs one at a time. Stir in the vanilla and wheat germ. Sift together flour, baking powder and salt and beat into the butter mixture.

In a small bowl, mix demerara sugar and cinnamon. Form the cookie dough into small balls and roll them in the cinnamon-sugar mixture.

Place 5 cm. apart on an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake in a preheated 200°C oven for 8-10 minutes and cool on a rack.

## Rogov's Shopping Basket In praise of potato chips

By DANIEL ROGOV

Probably as a result of the massive recent advertising campaign for Pringle's Chips, many readers have asked me to trace the history of the humble potato chip. An equal number also have asked me to evaluate the chips currently available in local markets.

The recorded history of the potato chip began in 1842, when John Johnson, a second-generation American of Swedish descent, walked into the US Patent Office in New York City to apply for a patent for "potato chips."

Johnson had discovered that paper-thin slices of potatoes fried in very hot oil, dried and sprinkled generously with salt made marvelous snacks. The patent was granted, but Johnson failed to convince anyone that his discovery could be commercially viable.

It was only in 1935 that Ralston-Purina, one of America's largest food manufacturers, saw the potential in these snacks. Johnson's patent had long since expired (and so had Johnson), but within a few years his invention had become one of America's favorite forms of junk food.

Albert Einstein, Joan Baez and John F. Kennedy were rarely to be found without a bag of potato snacks within easy reach. And, as if to demonstrate their universal appeal, these were also the favorite snacks of Charles de Gaulle, Aristotle Onassis and Japanese emperor Hirohito.

While it takes a distinct act of charity to categorize them as anything other than junk food, it would take a hard-hearted curmudgeon to deny that good potato snacks are a gift from the heavens.

### Pringles - The Best Chips?

More than 20 years ago, when visiting an American air-force base in Wiesbaden, Germany, I tasted Pringles Original Potato Crisps for the first time. My initial reaction was to be offended, for unlike most potato chips, these came in tubes instead of bags. Even more strange was that every chip in each tube was identical in shape to every other one.

When I learned that these chips were shaped by machines that pressed a mixture of dehydrated potato flakes, vegetable oil, potato starch and salt, I was even more offended. No real potato chips, I reasoned, could be made in this way. After I tasted them, however, all of my objections faded away

into nothing, for these were by far the best potato chips I had ever tasted.

Despite their sudden-felt need for advertising, there is nothing new about Pringles here; the chips made their initial appearance locally nearly four years ago.

The chips, produced by Proctor and Gamble's facilities in Belgium, come in three different versions: the first the so-called Original, which is a simple, salty version; the second is barbecue flavored; and the third has the flavors of cream cheese and onion.

These chips may be machine-made, but, to their credit, they contain only natural ingredients. And unlike many other brands of potato chips which are crisp when you pop them into your mouth but rapidly turn to mush as you chew them, Pringles seem to stay crisp no matter how long you savor them in your mouth. Even better, they have just the right amount of salt and actually taste like potatoes.

Other Recommended Chips  
Patricia Wells, the respected culinary writer for New York magazine once said, "In the heart of every gastronome lies the soul of a fast-food junkie." Keeping that in mind, I avoided feeling too much guilt as I enjoyed retasting most of the locally available chips. Even though I find that the Pringles chips have the advantage on flavor and crispness, I was surprised and pleased to realize that I could easily recommend the chips of at least five other companies, including two of Israel's largest producers of food.

The Chipsli chips of Vita and the various series put out by Osem - including its Country-Style Chips with and without onions - are all thin and crisp and have the charm of actually tasting like potatoes.

Best of all, whether thick cut, thin cut or in shoe-string form, all remain crisp while being chewed and all have good flavor.

In addition to being equally appealing, Ruffles, the chips of the multinational Pepsi Cola Food Corporation, are so popular that they generate over one billion dollars worth of revenue annually.

Also very tasty are the Chipsaltim of German company Bahlsen. What may put some off the Bahlsen chips is that in addition to dehydrated potatoes and a variety of spices, they also contain ingredients identified as E1411, E304 and E471. I usually avoid eating things that contain numbers and not food, but I gladly will

admit that Chipsaltim, which come salted, with paprika or with barbecue spices, make excellent snacks.

### From better to worse

Good: Two and a half years ago, after signing a coproduction agreement with Swiss company, Emmi, Tnuva released the first in its series of distinctly Swiss-style yogurts. Tastes vary between geographic regions, and the Swiss like their yogurt lighter, less defined in flavor, less tangy and more creamy in consistency than most Mediterranean yogurts.

Tnuva has recently added several fruit-flavored yogurts to its Emmi line. I was delighted first of all that each of those I sampled (one with red grapefruit sections, one with oranges and pistachio nuts, one with peaches and one with strawberries) contained nothing more than yogurt, fruits and sugar. With no artificial colors or any of the other objectionable additives that are found in too many similar products, each has clean, rich and refreshing flavors. Definitely worth trying.

Indifferent: PriGat has recently released new versions of tomato, orange, grapefruit, pineapple and apple juice. All come in hand-some, easy to open and easy to reseal containers and none contain preservatives or coloring agents. Alas, although all are acceptable, all are made from fruit concentrates, and it is undeniable that this places them a step below fresh juices in quality and flavor.

The one I most highly recommend is the tomato juice, which is good as is, but even better with the addition of a bit of Tabasco sauce and a bit of freshly grated black pepper sprinkled over. They are acceptably priced at NIS 5.49 per liter.

Bad: The mixed fruit cocktail of President's Choice is one in a series of products produced in Canada for the Greenberg chain of supermarkets. The product contains primarily water and the concentrated juice of cranberries, apples, blueberries, raspberries and strawberries.

Unfortunately, by combining so many fruits in a single cocktail and then adding what we are told are natural flavors, the flavor of none of the fruits makes itself felt. If the cocktail were refreshing, much of that might be forgivable. But, because it is so very sweet, it fails completely to quench the thirst. NIS 16.50 for 1.89-liter plastic containers.

## Wine Cellar

By DANIEL ROGOV

### The French-Israeli connection

The French-Israeli Group is far from the biggest importer of wines in the country but, since its first wines appeared several years ago, it has built up an impressive catalog. What pleases is that in addition to wines that carry ultra-prestigious labels, sometimes at ultra-high prices, the list also includes many high-quality wines that offer very good value for money.

Following are reviews of wines the group recently introduced to the local market.

Faiveley, Mazis-Chambertin, Grand Cru, 1991: This full-bodied wine has an enchantingly deep color and flavors of blackberries, plums and black currants. Still strong and young, but already mellowing to show its complex, perfumed richness, this elegant wine can be drunk now or stored comfortably for another 8-10 years. About NIS 490. Score 96.

Chateau Cantemerle, Seme Grand Cru Classe, Haut-Medoc, 1990: Made from the

classic Bordeaux combination of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Cabernet Franc, this wine is supple, has soft tannins and moderate acidity. With lots of berries in its overall fruity character, the wine is seductive and just a bit short of true elegance. Drink now or in the next 2-3 years. Perhaps overpriced at about NIS 515. Score: 89.

Connetable Talbot, Saint Julien, 1994: Always reliable, this second wine of Chateau Talbot has medium body, lots of ripe fruits and a hint of tobacco to add to its charms. Medium bodied and with good fruit character, the wine can be drunk now or held for several years longer. NIS 155. Score: 87+.

Le Dauphin, Chateau Guiraud, Sauternes, 1994: Lots of vanilla, pineapples, coconuts and oranges make this a very attractive dessert wine. Full bodied and straightforward, 500 cc. bottles cost NIS 155, a good value. Score 87.

Joseph Faiveley, Mercury 1er cru, Clos du Roy, 1994: 1994 was not a very good year for Burgundy red wines and this wine is not nearly as good as the 1993 version that still can be found in some wine stores. The wine is light to medium bodied and has nice strawberry overtones, but is a bit too rustic. Drink young. Dear at about NIS 150. Score 82+.

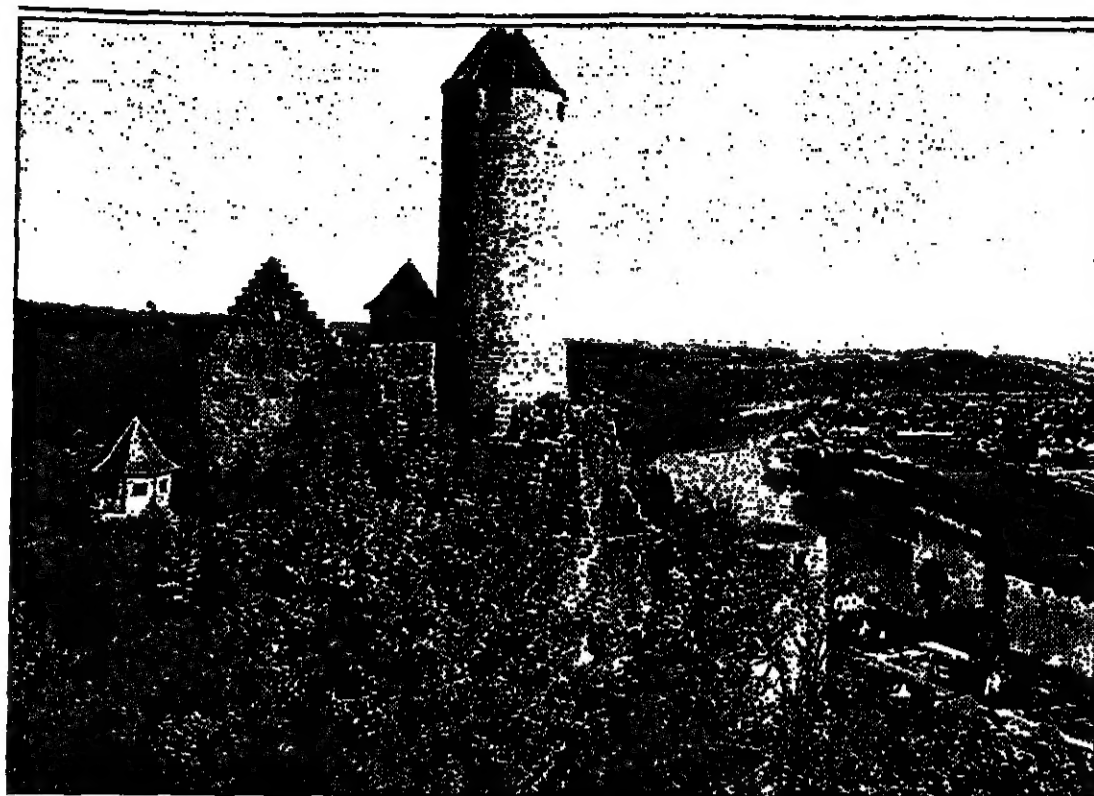
L'Esprit de Teyssier, Chateau Teyssier, Bordeaux Superieur, 1994: Tannic and spicy, with an interesting tomato character overlaid by flavors and aromas of dark cherries, the wine is somewhat harmed by a clumsy finish. A bit dear at NIS 83. Score 82.

Joseph Faiveley, Bourgogne Passetoutgrains, 1995: Made from two-thirds Gamay grapes and one-third Pinot Noir, this rather simple wine lacks the richness of flavor or aroma that one hopes for in Burgundy wines. Overpriced at about NIS 75. Score 78.



# Beyond the Rhine

**Dan Izenberg steps off the beaten track in Germany and discovers the Neckar Valley – magnificent castles, renovated monasteries and medieval towns most foreign tourists never knew existed.**



The 11th century Hornberg Castle looms above the Neckar Valley.

Anyone ever heard of the Neckar Valley? Inevitably, travelers or experts on Germany aside, probably not. It isn't nearly as famous or well-traveled as the Rhine Valley. But it was the highlight of a recent visit to Germany organized by the German Tourism Authority and Lufthansa, aimed at showing a group of Israeli journalists some local sites – including a few gems – in an area between Frankfurt and Stuttgart unknown to most foreign tourists.

The first section of the valley coincides with "Castle Road," a 975-km-long route stretching from Mannheim to Prague. The route is lined with 70 medieval castles and palaces, with medieval towns, churches and lay buildings. And in between the beautiful man-made structures there is farmland so rich and green as to arouse jealousy in some of us used to seeing a parched summer yellow.

But there was a great deal more. The week-long trip got off to a more-than-promising start with our first stopover at the Eberbach Monastery near the town of Eltville on the Rhinegau, about half an hour's drive from Frankfurt Airport. Seasoned travelers may already have come across renovated monasteries in other parts of Europe. For me, it was an unforgettable first.

The hotel opened just recently in what were once the monastery's shed and stables at the outer edge of the massive complex of monastery buildings, many dating back to the 12th century. Successfully designed to capture the once-spartan monastery atmosphere, the rooms are done up in white and gray, with the simplest of lines for the furniture and small pictures of the monastery grounds on the walls. The architect left portions of the massive beams exposed to remind the guest of what the now cool and sophisticated building once looked like. The price of a double room and breakfast is DM 160 (NIS 300), and the hotel features a fine restaurant.

Between 1136 and 1803, the monastery was inhabited by monks of the Cistercian Order, a pious and hardworking sect which created a thriving economy from vineyards planted in one of the most suitable climates in Germany. Visitors can still see the massive wine presses that served the monastery.

Even more impressive is the perfectly preserved Romanesque church, acoustically designed to do full justice to the Gregorian chants recited there from its earliest years. But most impressive of all the sites was the dormitory – a huge, bare chamber where dozens, if not hundreds, of monks slept side by side on pieces of board placed on the floor. It took many years for glass to be installed in the high windows that perforated the walls on each side of the cavernous room.

In Eberbach's early, pious period, the life expectancy of the monks, who usually came from the wealthiest families in the country, was 25-35 years. Luckily for them, the monks lost some of their piety over the centuries. Their last refectory was done up in lavish baroque style, with ornate furniture and wall designs revealing the wealth the monks had amassed and the good life they had come to enjoy. Those who have seen the medieval mystery movie based on Umberto Eco's novel *The Name of the Rose* will recognize the church and dormitory, since the interior scenes were shot at the Eberbach Monastery.

From Eberbach, we continued to Eltville, a picturesque and well-preserved town on the banks of the

Rhine. The town's landmark is a beautiful castle tower built in the 14th century. And Eltville's citizens take pride in the 22,000 rose bushes that decorate the town.

Our next stop was the twin city of Idar-Oberstein. Its main claim to fame is the now-idle gemstone mine at nearby Steinkaulenberg, the largest such mine ever worked in Europe. Visitors can traverse the tunnels that have been enlarged to provide a comfortable walk, gazing at the crystals, agates and amethysts

**In the twin city of Idar-Oberstein we walked through the tunnels of an old gemstone mine, gazing at the magnificently colored crystals, agates, and amethysts still lodged in the wall.**

still lodged in its stone walls. The colors are magnificent.

A guide explained how difficult the work was, and how miners' children eventually moved to South America and began sending larger and more easily extractable gems home for cutting. Since then, this city in the middle of the country, with no international port of its own, has become a center for the precious-stone trade, boasting its own exchange and a flourishing cutting and polishing industry. All commercial mining at Steinkaulenberg ended in 1870, but

hobbyists can still come and dig for the fun of it. The mines are open from March 15 to November 15.

After seeing the mine, the German Precious Stone Museum is worth a visit, to see what man has been able to do with nature's gift. The museum, housed in the mansion of a gemstone merchant, contains 9,000 gemstones and gemminerals in 135 showcases. It is the most complete exhibit of precious stones in the world. Some of the utensils and sculptures created out of the stones are exquisite works of art.

AN HOUR'S drive from Idar-Oberstein is Schwetzingen, a provincial village located near three major cities in southwestern Germany – Mannheim, Heidelberg and Speyer. You might think Schwetzingen was a place to drive past on your way to one of these more important places, but you'd be wrong.

Schwetzingen was the summer home of the last elector of the Palatinate, Carl Theodor, who built a magnificent chateau and an even more magnificent garden to idle away the long summer days and nights. The formal garden was modeled after Versailles and is filled with antique busts and urns, a large pond, magnificent trees and even a full-scale mosque – an expression of the trendy fascination the Orient exerted on the European aristocracy of the time. Tucked away at the end of this very formal, symmetrical garden is a much wilder and romantic English one.

The garden is a natural magnet for any town resident who fancies a stroll. It is also the site of some highly distinguished cultural festivals, including a Mozart music festival scheduled for this year between September 20 and October 5.

Mozart actually lived in Schwetzingen for a time with his family, and is therefore considered almost a native son. The hotel we stayed in was one of the loveliest of

the trip. Called the Löwe and situated on the village's main street almost opposite the entrance to the Schlossgarten, as the chateau and garden are called, it belongs to the Romantic chain of hotels, appropriately named because of their Old World charm and decor. The hotel restaurant offers delicious food in a rich and elegant setting.

Schwetzingen is only 11 kilometers from Heidelberg. At last – a well-known name which, unlike Eltville, Idar-Oberstein and

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Schwetzingen, aroused my curiosity before I actually saw it.

There is good reason to be curious about Heidelberg. It is the site of one of the oldest universities in Europe, still thriving after more than 600 years, and of a magnificent castle whose ruins helped inspire – for better and worse – the German Romantic movement.

The city is located on the Neckar River and linked by a series of bridges to the opposite bank, where the wealthy burghers of the previous century built their magnificent

mansions. The castle, built on the slopes of the verdant hills overlooking the city, is well worth visiting. The complex of buildings served as the residence of the Prince Electors of the Palatinate for five centuries.

Many of the electors built their own additions to the site, and so it includes every style from Gothic to High Renaissance. The buildings are surrounded by a deep and wide moat, filled in its time with wild animals rather than water. For centuries, the castle seemed impenetrable.

But trust a woman to weaken its defenses for the sake of beauty. In the early 1600s, Friedrich V married Elizabeth, the daughter of the English king. Friedrich apparently loved his queen so much that he had a gate (still standing) to the palace built in a single night as a gift to celebrate her arrival. Later, at Elizabeth's request, Friedrich built an English garden. To do so, he leveled some of the ground around the castle, making it more easily accessible to outsiders.

Soon afterwards, he went off to fight in what became known as the Thirty Years War, and was defeated near Prague. Back home, Heidelberg Castle was breached and severely damaged. So was the town below. Only 15 buildings – including what today serves as the university's main cafeteria – survived the devastation.

The castle and town were rebuilt, only to be destroyed again in 1693, during the War of Succession. One last attempt to rebuild the castle was thwarted by a bolt of lightning.

But the hauntingly beautiful ruins became an inspiration for Romantic writers and poets and other artists who spent time in the city – including Mark Twain, who apparently got some of his ideas about the Mississippi River from watching the Neckar.

The downtown core of Heidelberg is filled with museums and beautiful 18th-century buildings, including much of the University of Heidelberg. One site we were told to visit was the student jail where, in the good old days, the rowdier students were dispatched for wild behavior. One crime thus punishable was swimming naked in the Neckar, an act which was regarded as a threat to the morals of the local maidens – no longer!

For those who are young at heart or interested in history, it is well worth eating in one of the student restaurants. We did, and were treated not only to traditional German popular food, but the same heavy wooden furniture and rustic decor that has served the restaurants' ever-young clientele for many decades.

The following day we sailed into the past, down the Neckar Valley. Our trip was short – just over an hour – but in that time we passed by Neckarsteinach, with its medieval streets, half-timbered buildings, churches, remains of the city wall and the ruins of four castles dating back to the 12th and 13th century; Hirschhorn, with its former Carmelite monastery, and Eberbach, a beautifully restored town with artistically painted half-timbered houses, huge walls, fortified towers, crooked streets and small squares and several other towns and sites.

Many of the castles themselves offer attractions. For example, we stopped at the Hornberg Castle at Neckarzimmern. This is the oldest castle in the Neckar Valley, with parts dating back to the 11th century.

In 1612, the castle was purchased by Reinhard von Gemmingen, and

has remained in his family for 11 generations. The castle suffered the same fate as Heidelberg; it was partly destroyed and plundered during the Thirty Years War and destroyed during the War of Succession at the end of the 17th century.

Today, the von Gemmingens run an excellent restaurant with a breathtaking view of the valley, and have converted some of the rooms into a hotel. A double room in this unique and beautiful setting costs DM 180 to DM 240 (NIS 350 to NIS 460).

For the interested, there is a daily trained eagle and vulture flight demonstration at Gutenberg Castle, a few kilometers from Hornberg on the other side of the Neckar.

THE NECKAR River and "Castle Road" part company at Heilbronn. The Neckar then continues south and flows through Stuttgart, the capital city of Baden-Württemberg, and the last stop on our tour.

Except for a small district of older buildings, Stuttgart is a modern city, rebuilt after the war. The heart of Stuttgart is the Königstrasse, the city's main street, which was turned into a long pedestrian mall. The city has an extensive system of commercial streets closed to traffic, including the first pedestrian mall in Europe, the Schulstrasse.

Parallel to the Königstrasse are a series of buildings encapsulating the city's ancient and modern achievements, starting with the Schlossplatz, the large square in front of the 18th-century New Palace. Beside it is the Old Palace, begun as a 10th-century moat castle and extended in the 16th century into a striking Renaissance building

with a beautiful inner courtyard and large stairwell once navigated by mounted horsemen.

The same complex of public buildings and parks includes the New State Gallery, designed by the British architect James Stirling who sought – successfully, it seems – to break the conservative mode of the city. Other buildings worth seeing are city hall, and the Stiftskirche.

But those, like me, who love eating and looking at food, may forget history and culture and go directly to the Market Hall, built in 1912-1914 in the Art Nouveau style. The building is beautiful and clean, and so is the display of foods – spices, teas, fruit and vegetables, meats, sausages and flowers from all over Europe and the Far East. In addition, there is an excellent Italian restaurant overlooking the main floor.

But beware: You pay for the class. Unlike Tel Aviv's Carmel Market or Jerusalem's Mahaneh Yehuda, the Market Hall is the most expensive food store in town.

Stuttgart is also the home of Mercedes-Benz, and for those interested in seeing the evolution of the car industry from its beginning (before Ford) to the present, the Mercedes-Benz museum is worth a visit.

But despite the city's industrial complex, Stuttgart is really more like an overgrown wine village. Much of it is composed of villages separated from each other and the downtown area by vineyards, forests, parks and meadows. In fact, more than half the city is green.

The organizers of this trip wanted to prove that there is more to see in Germany than Berlin and the Rhine Valley. They did.

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# Bridge

## Make Room for Juniors

By MATTHEW GRANOVETTER

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♥ Q 9 8	♥ 6 2
♦ K Q 10 9 8	♦ 4 2
♣ 10 3	♣ K Q 9 8 6 5

West	South
♠ Q 10 9	♠ J 8 5 3
♥ 10 7 5	♥ A K J 4 3
♦ A 7 3	♦ J 6 5
♣ A 7 4 2	♣ J

Closed Room	West	North	East	South
Varshavsky	Soudan	Katz	Godefroy	
3 NT	double	4 ♣	4 ♥	
(all pass)				

Open Room	West	North	East	South
Aymeric Levin	Thibault	Shaham		
3 ♣	1 ♠	2 ♠	2 ♥	
pass	pass	pass	double	
(all pass)				

The biggest event of the year for Juniors ended last week when Denmark defeated Norway in the final of the World Junior Team Championships, held in Hamilton, near Toronto. The event is restricted to players 25 years or younger. One of the favorites in the event was the team from Israel: Amir Levin, Eran Shaham, Asaf Amit, Yaniv Zack, Eran Varshavsky and Nir Katz, captained by president of the Israel Bridge Federation Uri Gilboa.

The final standings of the round-robin were: (1) Russia, (2) Norway, (3) Canada-red, (4) Denmark, (5) USA-2, (6) China, (7) Canada-white, (8) Israel, (9) Japan, (10) Australia, (11) Brazil, (12) Chinese Taipei, (13) India, (14) Martinique/Guadeloupe, (15) USA-1, (16) Argentina, (17) Colombia, (18) Pakistan.

The top four teams qualified for the knockout stage. In the semifinals, Denmark defeated Russia and Norway defeated Canada (red). In the final, Denmark defeated Norway by a score of 247-178. Russia won the play-off for third place.

ONE OF THE biggest setbacks in the round-robin for Israel was its loss to Pakistan in what was heralded as a historic encounter. According to CNN, the match between Israel and Pakistan was the first sporting encounter of any kind between the two countries. The match was won by Pakistan by 55 imps to 23 imps. In a round-robin, it's important to score heavily against the weaker teams, so another disappointment was when Israel won its match against Martinique/Guadeloupe by a score of 64 imps to 52.

Today's deal is from this match. The bidding in both rooms began with North's one-diamond opening. In the Closed Room, Katz (East) for Israel made a weak jump-overcall in clubs, while Thibault for Martinique/Guadeloupe overcalled only two clubs. In the Open Room, Israel climbed to four hearts on the North-South cards and East sacrificed in five clubs. Shaham doubled and the Israeli defenders took four tricks to score 300 points.

In the Closed Room, South made a negative double over Katz's three clubs and now Varshavsky (West) tried to "muddy the waters" with a bid of three notrump. When North doubled, Katz ran to four clubs and South bid four hearts. The Israeli East-West allowed South to declare the vulnerable game, but failed to defeat the contract. So Israel lost 620 points in the Closed Room and gained 300 in the Open Room for a net loss of 320 points, which translates to 8 imps.

After the lead of the club ace, the East-West defenders can defeat four hearts if West shifts to a spade and East returns one. Now the defense has two spade tricks, one diamond and one club. Without the spade shift and return, declarer is able to draw trumps and set up the diamond suit for two spade discards from the South hand. The spade shift at trick two is obvious, but the problem is that East may not read the spade position.

After West shifts to the 10 or nine of spades, East may think that his partner is weak in spades and, after winning the king, he may try to cash a second club trick. Declarer can ruff, draw trumps and attack diamonds to make the contract.



# On the heels of '50s fashion

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

From what we experienced this summer, it seemed as if femininity was finally back in vogue. Shoulder pads had all but disappeared. Fabrics were soft, flowing and often diaphanous. Skirt lengths were down to the ankle, and prints were bright and mostly flower focused.

The only non-feminine element was in shoes, which were generally klutzy.

Anyone expecting a follow-through in fall-winter fashions is going to be disappointed.

For some odd reason, trend-setting designers around the globe have got it into their heads that it's revival time for power dressing.

Mannish suits, some of them severely tailored, have been making increasing appearances on fashion runways at a time when women have not only proved that they can compete in what used to be a man's world but are sometimes way out in front.

The gray flannel suit, the pin-striped banker's suit, and the black mafioso-style suit in broad-shouldered and wide-revered single and double-breasted versions threaten to be the omnipresent winter attire. The pants will be straight but roomy.

While outerwear will be revisiting the 1980s, shoes will be harking back to the 1950s. The spike-heeled pumps so fashionable then are coming back with a vengeance. Not that we didn't see them in the interim. They have been back at some point during each of the ensuing decades, as graphically illustrated in Linda O'Keeffe's marvelous book *Shoes* with superb photos by Andreas Blackman. Several of the stiletto designs in shoes and boots featured in this fascinating volume are simply timeless.

The question is: Are stiletto heels - which definitely don't come under the category of sensible attire - compatible with mannish suits?

Certainly, say the fashion mavens of the dawn of the new millennium. In a sense, stiletto heels complement power dressing because they give the wearer added height, especially when the trouser leg is long enough to cover most of the heel.

Yet one can't help wondering whether the high, narrow heels will find a ready market in Israel. It's not that Israeli women don't want to assert themselves. Of course they do, and that's why there are so many more women in leading executive positions than there were a decade ago.

But the idea of walking in stilettos on Israeli pavements is little short of suicidal. They are uneven and riddled with potholes. They're uncomfortable even when one is wearing flats.

We could of course overcome the problem by emulating our American sisters who wear sneakers in the street and carry their high-heels to work, but that might pose a problem with regard to trouser lengths. If the pants are long enough to cover the stiletto heel, they'll be too long for the sneaker, which means that the pant hems will be in danger of being soiled and even torn. The simple solution would be to roll them up, but then they might get wrinkled - a factor which will undoubtedly detract from the power image.

It, on the other hand, the trouser hem comes to the ankle or just above, the stiletto heel (which is *per se* a sexy item of footwear) will enhance the element of mystique, signifying that there's more to this woman than meets the eye.



# Chess

## When the Gold Was a Ruble

By NIGEL SHORT

Boris Spassky once told me that the toughest encounter of his lengthy career was his grueling 1965 Candidates match with Paul Keres.

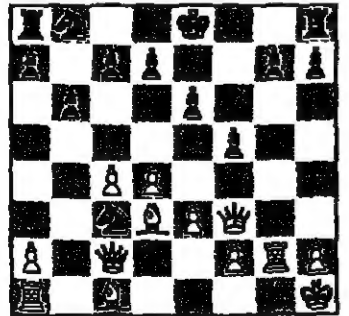
These two gentlemen fought for a prize fund of 90 rubles, with 60 rubles going to the victor. The ruble was in slightly less trouble back then than it is today, but even so the financial terms offered by the Soviet state could hardly be described as generous, especially when one bears in mind the substantial preparation necessary for such a match.

Spassky's share of the \$5 million prize fund for his 1992 return match with Bobby Fischer should possibly be viewed as belated compensation.

White: Keres  
Black: Spassky  
Riga, 1965

1.d4 Nf6 2.e4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 b6 5.Bd3 Bb7 6.Nf3 Ne4 7.0-0? An interesting pawn sacrifice which caught Spassky off guard. 7...Bxc3 8.bxc3 Nxc3. With hindsight, it can be stated that this move is incredibly risky. Better is 8...0-0 9.Ne1 with a small pull for White. 9.Qc2 Bxf3 10.gxf3 Qg5+ 11.Kb1 Qh5 12.Rg1! There is no other way to avoid the perpetual check which occurs after 12.Qxc3 Qxf3+ 13.Rg1 Qg4+ 12...Qxf3+ 13.Rg1! 15! Indirectly defending the knight as 14.Qxc3 Qd1+ leads to a draw. 14.Ra3 Ne4 15.Rf1. White has a raging attack for his double pawn sacrifice. According to John Nunn in *Paul Keres: The Quest for Perfection*, the best chance is 12...Nc6! with the idea of meeting 13.Be2 with Nxd4!

15...Rg8? A vital loss of tempo. 16.Be2 Qh3 17.f3 Nf6 18.d5 Kf7 18...e5! 19.e4 c5 20.Bb2. The d5 pawn drives a great



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# CRITICS' CHOICE

## ROCK CINEMA

DAVID BRINN

Part of Jerry Garcia's magic was enabling listeners to relive the trippy days of the summer of love through his complex, emotive guitar playing. And just because he died two years ago is no reason for the magic to wane, as the fans who attend tonight's cinematic tribute to Garcia and his band, The Grateful Dead, will discover.

Past gatherings have succeeded in capturing at least part of the beam of a Grateful Dead concert and with clips from a 1989 show, a documentary on the making of the band's classic *American Beauty*, and a screening of a recent concert by the band's other guitarist, Bob Weir, tonight's show should be no exception.

At the Tel Aviv Cinematheque at 10 p.m.

## TELEVISION

ELANA CHIPMAN

In view of the barrage of third-rate Israeli (and indeed foreign) films we have been bombarded with on television this summer, it will be a welcome change to watch Eran Riklis's *Cup Final* tonight at 8:45 on Channel 1. Set in Lebanon during the 1982 Lebanon war, at the time of the World Cup soccer finals in Spain, the film examines the special relationship that develops when an IDF reservist with tickets to the playoff match is taken prisoner by a PLO unit in Lebanon. During the seven days of his captivity, he develops a bond with his Arab captors based on their common support for the Italian team. With Moshe Ivgy and Muhammad Bakri.

## FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

★★★ **MEN IN BLACK** - Barry Sonnenfeld's playfully off-beat parody of the Marlon-Movie genre stars Tommy Lee Jones and Will Smith as nattily dressed officers in a top-secret agency designed to keep track of all alien life forms currently residing on planet Earth. The funniest thing about the film, which was written by Ed Solomon from a comic book by Lowell Cunningham, is its crisply matter-of-fact approach to good old-worldly law and order. There's something at once knowing and rather resigned about the practical, slightly archaic way in which the MIBs go about their work - cruising their beat, drinking coffee from paper cups, pulling over alien-owned cars to check the driver's license and registration. Clearly, the universe is too vast and mysterious a place to be policed effectively by a few deputized mortals in a gas-guzzling Plymouth. But the agents do what they can to keep the peace, and their actions come to seem logical in a loopy, deadpan way: of course there are Martians on the streets of New York, and of course someone high up must know about it. The movie pokes gentle fun at conspiracy theories at the same time that it honors them. With Linda Fiorentino, who doesn't have enough to do as a leggy corner/damsel in distress. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance strongly advised.)



The Tel Aviv Cinematheque's tribute to the Grateful Dead ensures that Jerry Garcia's legacy lives on. (AP)

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6:30 News flash  
6:31 News in Arabic  
6:45 Good Morning Israel

### EDUCATIONAL TV

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10:30 The Intrepid  
11:00 A Matter of Time  
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# Barak: Tear down J'lem jail

By BAT SHEVA TSUR

The lock-up in Jerusalem's Russian Compound has to be torn down, Supreme Court President Aharon Barak said yesterday.

"This is an Ottoman building from the 19th century that is not fit to serve as a lock-up. No matter how much it is refurbished, it will not help," Barak said.

He was speaking after touring the facility along with Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi and Knesset Law Committee chairman Shaul Yahalom.

"Detention cannot be a means of interrogation," Barak added. "The nature of a society is also measured by the nature of its lock-up facilities. [Here] we have terrible conditions. There are no modern toilets, the rooms are not aired, and detainees can get to the telephone only once a day."

Barak pointed out that a "considerable percentage" of the detainees would not be indicted and that others would be proven innocent.

"They are still innocent people. Many of them will be sent home," he said. "There is no separation here of those who are being interrogated from those who have already been indicted and should be moved to a more permanent facility."

He said that judges should be aware of the conditions in the lock-up when they render people into custody.

However, Barak noted that the Prisons Service has tried to improve the conditions.



Supreme Court President Aharon Barak (right) and Knesset Law Committee chairman Shaul Yahalom tour the Russian Compound lock-up yesterday. (Brian Henderson)

"We have invested a great deal of money in improvements," Jerusalem police chief Cmdr. Yair Yitzhaki told Barak. "I too would

like to tear down the building; but we have to wait until the plan to build a new detention center is completed," Yahalom said that the

law required that every prisoner has 4.5 meters of space, a bed and mattress, and regular meals.

"They eat at irregular hours - lunch is at 10 a.m. - and there is a terrible stench. This is a violation of the basic rules of democracy," Yahalom said.

## REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

### A gruesome world

By BAT SHEVA TSUR

A jumble of buildings make up the Jerusalem police headquarters in the Russian Compound. Go up some steep stairs, next to the garbage cans and parked police vans, and you will enter the city lock-up.

It is a world of barred doors and burglar-proofed air vents. Grey tiles, reminiscent of public toilets, have been laid on the peeling, moldy walls of the 19th-century building. Only the guards move freely along the low-ceilinged corridors, lit eerily by fluorescent bulbs.

It is a gruesome world, where fresh air and light enter only when the heavy iron door is opened by a policeman with clanking keys to let another detainee in or out. A strange smell permeates the heavy, hot air inside - disinfectant mixed with human secretions, and fresh whitewash covering up some of the mould.

A hodgepodge of human beings has been locked into the cramped cells for all kinds of reasons, some of them for several days. There are young and old, secular and haredi, Arabs and Jews.

Here and there, someone has left a reminder of the basics of freedom in some painting on the corridor wall - a nude woman, a still-life showing a basket with fresh eggs, a glimpse of the lock-up walls with barbed wire, beyond which a tree is growing, as if providing a window to the real world.

When Supreme Court President Aharon Barak, Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi and Knesset Law Committee chairman Shaul Yahalom entered this closed world yesterday, it was sheer pandemonium.

Some 30 photographers and journalists, warmed up by a half-hour wait inside, shoved, pushed and shouted at each other, vying for a good angle. Behind the bars, the detainees screamed for a split-second of media attention.

"I haven't spoken to my children. I want to get out. I am innocent," shouted one man.

"This place is like hell. We have no water. We get our last meal at 3 p.m. and then have to wait for breakfast the next day," another shouted.

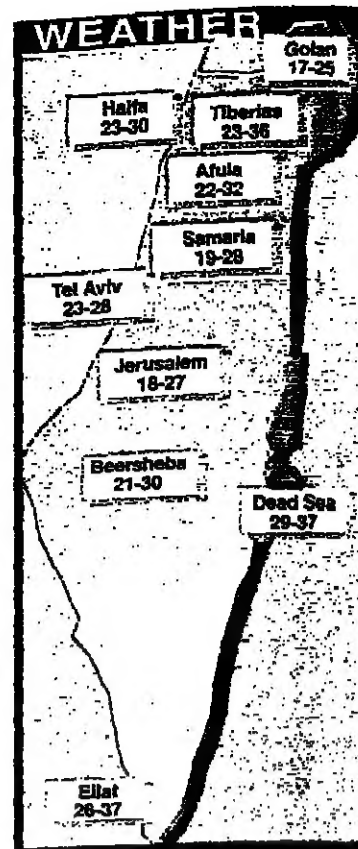
"It's disgusting here," one man yelled through the bars. "We were 13 men in this cell [meant for 8], but they took them out for your visit. The cockroaches crawl all over us."

Members of the entourage went from cell to cell, examining the conditions. Overcrowding is rampant. Detainees sleep on blue mats on concrete double-decker beds. They share a primitive urinal and tap, hidden only by a plastic curtain inside the cell.

Clothes are hung on strings tied across the cells. Graffiti have not yet been washed off walls. Drugs are passed around freely. A diabetic complained that he has not had a proper diet for four days.

The human misery and the stench were overpowering.

"A society is judged also by the standard of its lock-ups," Barak commented when the visitors finally returned to the clear evening air. "This facility is not fit for human beings. It must be torn down."



## AROUND THE WORLD

	LOW	HIGH	FORECAST
Amsterdam	13	55	clear
Berlin	16	81	cloudy
Buenos Aires	22	72	clear
Caro	22	72	cloudy
Chicago	18	61	cloudy
Copenhagen	19	68	cloudy
Frankfurt	19	68	cloudy
Garmisch	19	68	cloudy
Helsinki	12	54	clear
Hong Kong	28	84	rain
Jakarta	25	81	clear
London	19	68	clear
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New York	20	72	cloudy
Nice	21	70	clear
Paris	17	60	cloudy
Rome	17	60	cloudy
Stockholm	16	61	clear
Sydney	10	50	cloudy
Taipei	24	75	cloudy
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## Winning cards

In yesterday's first daily Chance drawing, the winning cards were the seven of spades, jack of hearts, queen of diamonds and jack of clubs. In the second drawing, the winning cards were the seven of spades, seven of hearts, seven of diamonds and queen of clubs.

## Hanegbi condemns court bombing

By BAT SHEVA TSUR and Nim

The level of violence in Israel is rising constantly and could lead to physical attacks on judges, Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi warned yesterday.

Hanegbi was speaking during a visit to Petah Tikva Magistrate's Court, which was badly damaged on Monday when a pipe bomb went off there.

"We have reached a worrisome level of violence. It is increasing and threatens to engulf the entire legal system," Hanegbi said. "No one can know where it can lead to. The attack on courts could lead to actual physical attacks on the judges themselves."

However, he refused to comment on whether supporters of jailed Rabbi Uzi Meshulam were connected with the incident, saying police were still investigating.

"I came here to give support to the judges and to express my disgust with the incident," Hanegbi said.

Supreme Court President Aharon Barak yesterday decried the bombing, saying he was surprised it had not been given greater coverage.

## Israel halts anti-Iran broadcasts

Israel said yesterday it had halted Persian-language broadcasts from an Israeli satellite that incited violence against Iran's new government.

Israeli officials said they stopped the broadcasts in part as a gesture to new Iranian President Mohammed Khatami, who is regarded as a moderate.

Israel has no relations with Iran, which does not recognize Israel's right to exist.

The broadcasts contained incitement and anti-Iranian speeches of the worst sort you can imagine," Foreign Ministry spokesman Avigdor Shik-Or said.

He added that the radio and television broadcasts, transmitted by Israeli-licensed companies via the AMOS satellite, contained "incitement to violence."

"There was no incitement against Israel," he said. "It was strictly an internal Iranian affair. We understood that this is one of the opposition organizations of the mujahideen [fighters] operating from somewhere in Europe," Shik-Or said.

The mujahideen want to topple Tehran's Islamic government and have launched occasional military attacks against Iran.

Those private companies used Israeli satellites, [and] the suspicion was the Iranians would think this was an Israeli operation or a government operation, which was, of course, not the case," said one Israeli official who asked not to be identified.

"It is wrong, principally, and [the broadcasts] would not help our relations with Iran, even if they are not that good," he said.

Khatami won a landslide election victory in May, after promising to introduce social reforms and to increase personal freedoms.

Israel at the time issued a statement saying it hoped Khatami would "open a new page" in Jewish-Iranian relations.

Khatami opposes the peace process, but has said he will not take any action to disrupt it.

Israel accuses Tehran of developing nuclear and other non-conventional weapons and of arming Hizbullah.

Israel also says Iran is responsible for the fate of missing airman Ron Arad, whose bomber was shot down over Lebanon in 1986. Tehran denies any knowledge of his whereabouts. (Reuters)

## Mazal Tov! Happy Birthday! Thank You! Love You!

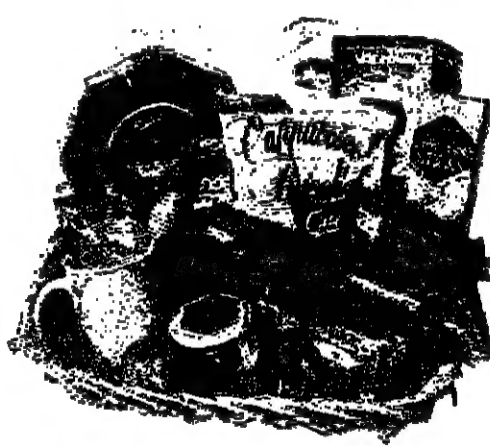
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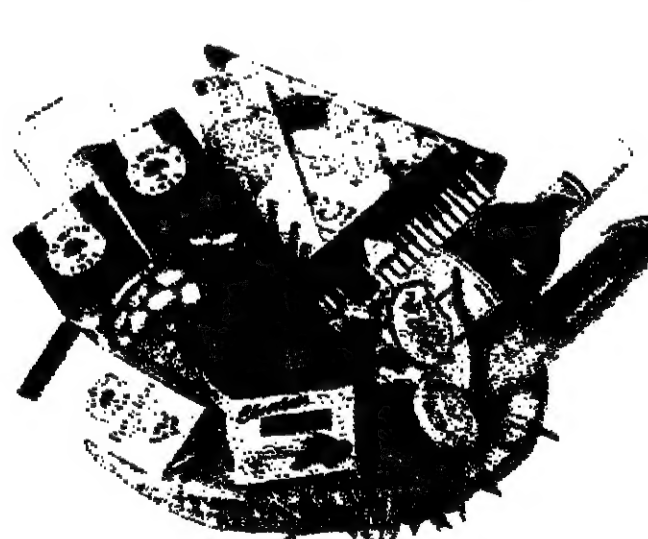
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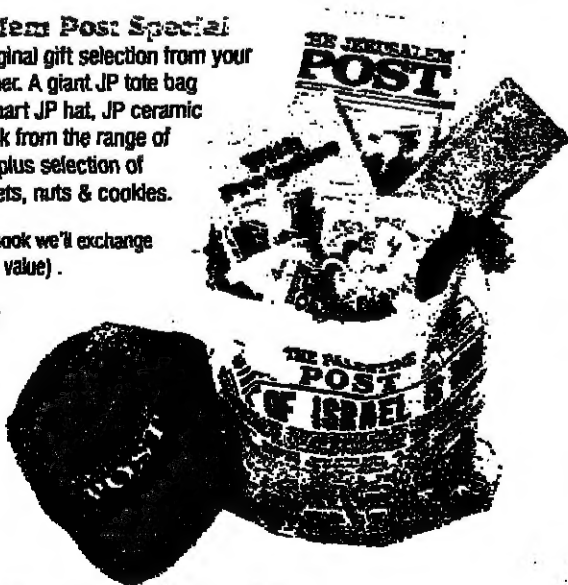


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